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Ada says $1.39M in ARRA funds spent, but feds say only $827,893

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Commerce Secretary Michael Ada yesterday said the CNMI's executive branch has so far spent $1.394 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act money, but the federal tracking system, www.recovery.gov, reports only $827,893 spent by the islands as of Oct. 7.

The $1.394 million spent so far does not include those spent by independent agencies like the Public School System, Northern Marianas College, and the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

In addition, two of the nine executive branch agencies required to turn in ARRA money spending report failed to meet the first reporting deadline on Oct. 10: the Department of Public Health and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Ada

Ada, one of the guest speakers in yesterday's Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt Regency, also answered four misperceptions about the CNMI's handling of ARRA funds.

"I am not willing to bend or flex any rule or law so I can spend money quickly," he said, pointing to the need to comply with strict federal, as well as local, financial and procurement controls.

Ada also said that given the CNMI's history of misspending federal money, the local ARRA office is trying to comply with all federal and local rules and laws.

"We will be penalized more if we misspend the money," he later told reporters.

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Tinian under state of emergency

Up to $3M needed to fix outer seawall, piers; another $45M for breakwater eyed

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday declared a state of emergency for Tinian to be able to reprogram funds for the $2 million to $3 million rehabilitation of the island's outer seawall and piers.

Fitial

The governor's declaration came four days after Tinian Mayor Jose P. San Nicolas signed his own declaration of emergency to be able to take all necessary measures, including but not limited to, reprogramming of funds within the municipality to prevent further deterioration of the World War II-era outer seawall and piers.

This is the second time that San Nicolas declared a state of

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Radio-thon aims to raise $50K for tsunami-ravaged Samoas

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A radio-thon set for Oct. 24 aims to raise at least $50,000 to help rebuild lives in American Samoa and Samoa after the islands were struck by a magnitude 8.3 quake and triggered tsunamis that claimed the lives of 186 adults and children and displaced over 20,000 people.

Gary Sword and Jerome Ierome, during a Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt

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SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS' TRAINING

California-based consultant Dr. Marvin Ali, seated third from left, poses with most of the 38 participants in the basic social service providers' training held at the Pacific Island Club in San Antonio yesterday. At least 11 government and private, non-profit agencies are represented in the two-day basic training, to be followed by a two-day intermediate training for other social service providers who are eligible to receive college credits.

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Republican National Committee director Shannon Frank Reeves, center, is flanked by candidates and supporters of the local GOP on island during his two-day visit to Saipan last week.

'NMI social service providers need continuing education'

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Dr. Marvin Ali, a visiting consultant from California, said social service providers in the CNMI need to further their education in the field during a four-day workshop yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club.

A total of 37 representatives from 11 various agencies on Saipan attended Day 1 of the workshop which focused on the definition and concept of social service, its history, intervention strategies, and other theories.

Saipan Tribune learned that at present there is no program offered on the island that provides college credits for staffers who want to apply for a credential program in social service.

Because of this, a class was created in collaboration with the Northern Marianas College to offer the continuing education units, or CEU, which provides three units for the first two days of the session and three units for the last sessions.

Ali specified that first two days of the workshop are intended for beginners, while the last two days are for participants/students who have attended the first training held last January.

Lessons for these participants involve specific clinical terms and tasks for social service providers.

Because of the island's diverse culture, Ali pointed out the need to educate the group on how to work with different groups and individuals with various cultural values.

He said all students will be provided homework, lab work, tests, and quizzes—usually incorporated in a regular six-week course for social service programs.

Participants in yesterday's session included representatives from Division of Youth and Services, Community Guidance Center, PSS Head Start, probation staff, juvenile detention personnel, and employees of emergency shelters.

"Our intent is to provide these social service providers better understanding about their field and help them become better in their skills by assisting them with the key elements, new research, and strategies," Ali told the media.

Ali revealed that prior to conducting seminars in the CNMI, he looked at the current staffers' level of education in social service.

"One thing I've learned from participants is that they have different levels of understanding about their profession. Some of them have been grandfathered into the field and don't have the proper education to support it," he disclosed.

Ali emphasized that like school teachers and pilots, "credential" is a must in the performance of any job.

In the U.S., a degree in social service is offered for this group of workers which sadly is not available in the CNMI.

But because it is mandated that all federally funded programs must have achieved certain credentials or work toward achieving credential program, a class for the social service providers has been created which is through workshops that provides specific credit units for participants.

Ali said that social service providers that don't have the required credentials will become a "disservice" to the population they serve.

However, he also credited the many individuals who have the experience and performed well on the field although they lack the proper credentials.

"The CNMI should identify the need to provide this assistance to these social service providers… and this program would not be successful without the collaboration of different agencies including NMC. It shows the power of community support and community partnership," Ali said.

DEA says arrested 'ice' supplier was Joyner's co-worker, regular customer

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Suspected methamphetamine or "ice" supplier Juan Sablan Ada Jr. used to be a co-worker of arrested "ice" distributor Jawn Joyner at the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Unit on Saipan, according to documents filed in federal court.

Drug Enforcement Administration special agent Brian V. Todd said a confidential source of the Department of Public Safety disclosed on Sept. 10, 2008, that Ada was Joyner's regular customer for "ice."

Todd said the confidential source revealed that Ada would purchase "ice" and sell it to his customers.

The special agent said both Ada and Joyner were employed at the ARFF, and that Joyner was fired from the unit on June 16, 2008 after testing positive for "ice" use.

The agent did not mention when and why did Ada leave ARFF.

DEA agents arrested the 33-year-old Ada at Tottotville Subdivision in Koblerville last Thursday after the U.S. government filed a complaint charging him with three counts of possession of controlled substance.

According to the complaint, during buy bust operations Ada distributed 0.14 grams of actual "ice" on May 20, 2009; 0.19 actual grams of "ice" on May 21, 2009; and 0.24 actual grams of "ice" on July 27, 2009.

Todd said that a confidential source managed to buy $200 worth of "ice" from Ada at a parking lot of Moonlight Kara-

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Chief engineer to plead guilty of discharging tons of untreated oily waste

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A former chief engineer of a vessel being charged in federal court for discharging approximately 370 tons of untreated oily bilge waste overboard from a ship, has entered a plea agreement with the U.S. government.

Under the plea agreement, John Wylie Davis, also known as Jack Davis, will plead guilty to the charges of false statement and failure to maintain an Oil Record Book.

The charges carry maximum penalties of 11 years in prison, $500,000 fine, six years of supervised release, and a $200 court assessment fee.

But under the agreement, the U.S. government will not object to the imposition of a sentence of probation of 12 months in lieu of a term of imprisonment.

The agreement stated that on Jan. 7, 2008, as the vessel, SS *Pless*, was underway between Korea and Saipan, the vessel's onboard pollution-control equipment, including the oil water separator, was malfunctioning.

At that time, the vessel's onboard bilge storage tanks were filled to near capacity. On that day, the defendant discharged overboard 370 tons of oily bilge waste that had been stored in the bilges and storage tanks of the SS *Pless*.

Defendant intentionally bypassed the vessel's pollution control system when he discharged this bilge waste.

Defendant did not record in ORB of the SS *Pless* the discharge of oily bilge waste.

As an experienced licensed chief engineer, Davis knew that his statement in the ORB and the omission of any entry for the overboard discharges of untreated bilge waste were false and misleading, according to the agreement.

Davis and his counsel Stephen Jones signed the plea agreement with the U.S. government represented by assistant U.S. attorney Beverly McCallum.

Attorney Loren Sutton, local counsel for Davis, on Friday asked the court to allow the defendant to appear for his initial appearance or arraignment and plea of guilty proceedings by video teleconference in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Sutton said allowing the Florida-based Davis's appearance in court by teleconference will avoid the necessity of his paying for travel to Saipan prior to sentencing.

Defendant agreed to assume all costs of teleconference.

Designated U.S. District Court for the NMI judge David Wiseman on Friday granted Davis's request for teleconference.

Wiseman set the arraignment and change of plea hearing for Oct. 30 at 8am.

The U.S. government filed the charges last Friday.

The U.S. government alleged that Davis did not record the overboard discharge in the ORB of the vessel, SS *Major Stephen W. Pless*.

Instead, the defendant allegedly made and signed a notation in the ORB, dated Jan. 7, 2008, which indicated only that the vessel's system had been put into the automatic mode of operation to allow the overboard discharge of waste at 15ppm.

Under the agreement, Davis agrees to immediately voluntarily surrender his chief engineer's license to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard.

The defendant will also give consent to the suspension of the Coast Guard's license for a period of one year.

According to court papers, SS *Pless* was a non-tanker vessel of over 400 gross tons registered under the flag of the U.S. and certified for ocean-going service.

SS *Pless* was owned by Waterman Steamanship Corp., a Delaware corporation.

McCallum stated in the charging information that, large marine vessels such as SS *Pless* produce waste oil as a result of the operation of machinery in the engine room.

McCallum said some of this waste oil, along with water and other liquids, accumulates in the bottom or "bilges" of the vessel.

Such bilge water, the prosecutor said, is routinely collected and stored in onboard tanks.

"Once properly treated until it has an oil content of 15 or fewer ppm, such bilge waste may be lawfully discharged overboard," McCallum explained.

However, she said, U.S. registered vessels certificated for ocean-going service, such as SS *Pless* are prohibited by both MARPOL and APPS from discharging oily waste that has not been treated using an oily water separator or other pollution prevention equipment into the ocean at any time and in any location.

MARPOL is the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, as modified by the Protocol of 1978. APPS refers to Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships.

OAG asks court to declare missing surfer presumed dead

The Office of the Attorney General has asked the Superior Court to declare as presumed dead Hirofumi Matsumoto, a Japanese employee of Hyatt Regency Saipan who was missing after surfing with friends at Sugar Dock last month.

Assistant Attorney General Meaghan Hassel Shearer, in the government's petition, asked the court to declare that Matsumoto may be presumed to have died on Sept. 6, 2009.

Shearer said under the statute, "when a death is presumed to have occurred within the CNMI but the body cannot be located, a death certificate may be prepared by the Registrar only upon receipt of an order of the CNMI Superior Court which shall include the finding of facts required to complete the death certificate."

Shearer said the Department of Public Safety conducted a 96-hour search before terminating the operations on Sept. 10, 2009 at 6pm.

The government lawyer said DPS presumed that Matsumoto died on Sept. 6, 2009.

Police investigation showed that on Sept. 6 at 4pm, Matsumoto was surfing with a male friend behind Aquarius Beach Tower Hotel.

The strong current pulled the two outside the reef. The two attempted to fight the current by paddling south. After 30 minutes, Matsumoto's friend was able to catch a wave and paddled back to shore.

When the friend looked back, he could not see Matsumoto so he called the police. Aerial and water search and recovery operation then commenced.

After two days, a Duty Free Shoppers' employee recovered a nine-foot long board that was confirmed as the one used by Matsumoto. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

30 Day NOTICE

The Workforce Investment Agency under the Office of the Governor and in accordance with the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 at § 134 (d) (4) (G) (ii), and the regulations at § 663.430, provide that, under limited circumstances, contracts for training rather than ITA's (Individual Training Accounts) may be used. Contracts may be used when there is insufficient number of eligible providers in a local area. This exception applies primarily to rural areas. The Act reforms the local service delivery system by eliminating the current practice of assigning participants to contracted training services and instead establishing a system that maximizes customer choice in the selection of training providers.

With limited training providers in the CNMI, the CNMI Workforce Investment Agency is in the process of developing for incumbent workers Certified Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS) training in the form of a contract for training instead of ITA's.

The Workforce Investment Agency under the Office of the Governor hereby publishes this NOTICE for 30 day public comment period for interested providers. Comments must be submitted in writing and addressed to Ms. Edith DeLeon Guerrero, WIA Executive Director at Gov't. Bldg. No. 1215, Capitol Hill, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or email at gov.wia@pticom.com.

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emergency on the island. On Oct. 5, 2006, he declared the island under emergency also due to its damaged harbor and seawall but the problem has yet to be fully fixed.

Fixing these structures, San Nicolas said in his second declaration, will also prevent the silting of the Tinian harbor.

"The project will cost between $2 million and $3 million," San Nicolas told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview on Capital Hill.

San Nicolas said another $45 million will be needed to repair/rebuild Tinian's breakwater, and this needs the help of the federal government and the office of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP). But he said the priority now is the outer seawall and piers.

He said some $15 million in Capital Improvement Project funding is available for reprogramming, and he hopes that a portion of this will be reprogrammed for the outer seawall and piers.

"The money is there; it just needs to be reprogrammed. With the emergency declaration, we will be able to get the money and a contractor faster than normal procurement procedure. We need to repair the harbor for the people of Tinian," said San Nicolas, who is seeking re-election.

In his declaration, San Nicolas said typhoons severely deteriorated the outer seawall and piers built during World War II, leaving the inner dock of Tinian harbor vulnerable with risk to continued operation of ferry boats and other marine traffic which is essential to public safety and commercial needs.

"If allowed to continue, such conditions will lead to destruction of harbor piers," he said.

The lead agency for preparing and coordinating resources during the state of emergency is the Office of the Tinian Mayor, in coordination with the Commonwealth Ports Authority and other agencies.

The emergency declaration is in effect for 30 days.

ILS fund

The governor, in his declaration, said an emergency is declared to mobilize all available resources, including reprogramming of ILS or instrument landing system funds "for the purpose of public protection and preservation of property."

ILS facilities are a highly accurate and dependable means of navigating airport runway. When using an ILS, the pilot determines aircraft position primarily by reference to instruments. It provides the lateral and vertical guidance necessary to fly a precision approach.

"All agencies of the Commonwealth, including but not limited to the Department of Finance and the Division of Procurement are directed to support the mayor so that resources are effectively and promptly utilized to address the Tinian Harbor Emergency," Fitial said.

The lead agency, he said, is the Department of Finance, in coordination with the Office of the Tinian Mayor and other agencies.

The ILS project originally had $3.5 million in funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs approved in November 2007.

Some $2 million of the amount will now be used for more pressing needs at the airport such as renovations, improvements to the commuter and terminal facilities, and the sewer system.

Months ago, the long-delayed ILS project was suspended, and $2 million of its $3.5 million funding was earmarked for other Tinian airport projects, such as renovations, improvements to the commuter and terminal facilities, and the sewer system.

For the Tinian airport, which is surrounded by the ocean and vast empty land, officials believe it may not be that necessary or crucial to install an ILS, which is usually used in bigger airports.

San Nicolas also said that his decision to declare a state of emergency until he gets all the money needed to repair the outer seawalls and piers has the support of former Sens. David Cing, Manny Villagomez, Herman Manglona, and the late Joaquin Adriano.

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he cited: CNMI ARRA office is holding onto money for no reason; CNMI is slow in spending; CNMI ARRA office is trying to blame other agencies; and CNMI ARRA is not posting opportunities as required.

He said it is "unfair" to criticize the CNMI executive branch's handling of ARRA money and compare it with that of other territories which receive different kinds of federal stimulus funding.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) has repeatedly said that the CNMI lags behind other territories and states in spending ARRA money given the current state of the local economy.

Ada said while he understands Sablan's reasons, he hopes that Sablan "tones down his criticism" because they put the CNMI in a bad light.

Federal versus local figures

In his presentation at the Rotary Club meeting, Ada cited expenditures based on the Department o Finance's Financial Management System.

"The CNMI executive branch agencies have so far spent $1,394,148.90. This figure still does not include those spent by non-executive branch agencies like the Public School System, Northern Marianas College and Commonwealth Ports Authority," said Ada.

The federal tracking system reported that ARRA funding so far announced for the CNMI as of Oct. 7 is over $53 million.

Of this, over $46 million has been made available to the CNMI, according to recovery.gov.

But Ada said only $26.58 million has so far been made available for executive branch agencies. Individual autonomous agencies have yet to disclose money so far made available to them.

Based on data from www.recovery.gov, the CNMI has so far spent only 1.79 percent or $827,893 of the $46,139,523 made available to the islands.

Ada, who has been tasked by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to lead the CNMI's participation in the ARRA program, said the CNMI executive branch agencies alone spent over $1.93 million, which is much more than what recovery.gov reported.

"Although I would like to provide the total dollars and jobs created or saved, I am unable to do so because I am not sure what the total figures are from other local agencies, such as PSS, NMC, and CPA. I can tell you that the total amount of expenditures from the executive branch as of the report date is $1,394,148.90. Again, I am not sure what the autonomous agencies have drawn down, but I am certain that it will increase the total amount spent," Ada said in a separate statement released late yesterday afternoon.

Bottom of the list

The CNMI is at the bottom of the list when it comes to spending federal stimulus funding, based on the regularly updated report from recovery.gov.

Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands have each spent between $5 million and $862 million.

Other Pacific islands like Palau, the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia each spent between $1 million and $3.6 million as of Oct. 7.

Ada cited the following as reasons for the CNMI lagging behind other states and territories: lag time for fund draw downs simply due to systems; the type of funds being drawn down the CNMI executive branch is not the only recipient of the money, so it is unfair to blame the expenditure lag strictly on the central government; the procurement process which holds up a great deal of the contracting, obligation, and ultimately, expenditures of ARRA money; and provisions such as "Buy America" that have proven to be an obstacle in projects as simple as lighting retrofits.

"Another thing to note is that just because other jurisdictions have quickly spent money doesn't mean they have done so with accountability, transparency, and responsibility, but that has yet to be seen," Ada earlier told *Saipan Tribune* in an e-mail response to questions.

Jobs created and saved

In his presentation, Ada said federal stimulus funding so far received has been and will be used to hire, save and retain 169 employees in government, as well as created 413 positions for the Summer Youth Program and 13 positions in the adult program.

At PSS, 64 new positions will be funded and 44 existing positions will be saved in Fiscal Year 2010 alone.

NMC, meanwhile, will be able to fill and save 20 new and existing positions.

Seven justice-related grants will fund 31 positions, including 12 full-time employees in the Judiciary, 12 at the Office of the Attorney General, 1 at the Public Defender's Office, four at the Department of Public Safety, seven at the Department of Corrections, two at the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, and three at the Department of Finance.

ARRA funds also funded 413 positions for the Workforce Investment Agency's Summer Youth Program, and 13 for WIA's Adult Program.

On energy-related projects, seven FTEs have been or will be funded by federal stimulus money, and another five for the Lao Lao Bay environmental project.

Reporting deadline

A separate statement released by the Fitial administration yesterday said that the CNMI was able to comply with the Oct. 10 first reporting period for ARRA 2009.

As of this date, all prime recipients, sub-recipients, and certain vendors were required to submit reports for all ARRA funds used since the signing of the ARRA by President Obama in February 2009, under section 1512 of the ARRA.

Besides CNMI Executive Branch agencies, others that received ARRA included NMC, PSS and other autonomous agencies.

"This is the central reporting system that the Recovery Accountability and Transparency (RAT) Board, along with various federal grantor agencies, will use to track jurisdictional spending. This was a learning experience for all jurisdictions receiving ARRA funding," Ada said in a statement.

He said in e-mail exchanges, webinars, and various conference calls on the section 1512 reporting, many jurisdictions expressed concerns as to the systemic and technical issues faced when trying to report.

These included issues with certain federal agencies not being able to register their Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance numbers into the federal tracking agency.

Ada said of the executive branch agencies required to report, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Environmental Quality, WIA, DCCA, DPS, and the Criminal Justice Planning Agency all successfully reported per the requirements prior to the Oct. 10, 2009 deadline.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. was required to report under the executive branch as of this reporting period despite being an autonomous agency due to the Executive Order that places them under the authority of the governor.

"While these agencies accounted for a large portion of the ARRA funding received to date, there were two agencies that were not able to successfully complete the 1512 reporting due to technical issues," Ada said.

Ada said the Department of Public Health and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation were not successful in meeting the deadline.

"The Department of Public Health ran into issues with respect to the administrator assigned to the agency DUNS number and the ability to allow registered users access to submit the reporting. The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation was unable to successfully register in the Central Contractor Registry, which is a pre-requisite to register in Federal (recovery.gov), due to technical difficulties associated with their agency DUNS number," he said.

RADIO-THON

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Regency Saipan in Garapan yesterday, invited the community to take part in the radio-thon.

During the meeting, mayoral candidate Angelo Villagomez pledged $100.

The Rotary Club of Saipan also donated to the cause yesterday, and is expected to participate in the radio-thon.

"Everything that will be raised during the radio-thon will be equally distributed between American Samoa and Samoa," Sword told Rotary Club members and guests.

Ierome, chairman of the Island 2 Island CNMI Tsunami Relief Drive for Samoa, could be reached at 483 4551.

A website was also set up for the relief drive: www.2009tsunami.com.

The radio-thon will be from 6am to 6pm on Oct. 24, Saturday, over Magic 100.3 KWAW.

Sword, in a brief presentation, was close to tears while sharing his story when the tsunamis struck American Samoa, as well as Samoa.

"The day the tsunamis hit, we couldn't contact anybody in American Samoa," said Sword, adding that his wife, Rep. Rosemond Santos, was a big help in asking friends and relatives to help the Samoas.

He said within three days, their living room was filled with donated goods. Tons of donated goods continue to pour in, he added.

The Sept. 29 quake and tsunamis were the worst to strike the Samoas in recent history.

The CNMI is home to hundreds of Samoans or those with relatives and friends from these islands.

For days, stories about the tragedy have touched the lives of people around the world. One family in Lalomanu, for example, buried nine family members from four different generations, from ages 9 to 97. People have not only lost families, relatives and friends, but also all their belongings. Millions in infrastructure also were destroyed.

DEA

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oke on May 20, 2009.

The confidential source bought $250 worth of "ice" from Ada at a parking lot of the U.S. Postal Office in Chalan Kanoa on May 21, 2009, the agent said.

The third transaction allegedly happened in the parking lot of Yu Bo Corp. in San Jose in which the confidential source purchased $300 worth of "ice" from Ada.

Ada was taken to the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Friday afternoon for a hearing. Designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood allowed the defendant to be released on a $10,000 unsecured bond plus other conditions.

Tydingco-Gatewood, who is in Guam, conducted the hearing through a video conference.

The judge set the preliminary hearing for Friday at 2pm.

DEA agents arrested Joyner and Sharee Demapan Diaz on Wednesday after the U.S. government filed a complaint charging the two and Vicente Cabrera with a conspiracy to distribute "ice."

The complaint also charged Joyner and Diaz with three counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. The two were taken to the U.S. District Court for the NMI for a bail hearing on Wednesday.

Joyner last year began taking over the distribution network of methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan used by convicted "ice" trafficker Cabrera who was arrested in 2008, according to DEA.

Robbery suspect allegedly yields marijuana in his underwear

Robbery suspect Jeffrey Indalecio Celis was found concealing marijuana in his underwear when U.S. Marshal agents arrested him last week in Garapan, according to court documents.

U.S. Probation Officer Melinda Brunson stated in her report filed in federal court that Celis also threatened he would stab someone if he is not taken to a federal prison.

Brunson filed the report in the U.S. District Court for the NMI to support the U.S. Probation's recommendation to revoke Celis's supervised release.

The federal court has issued a warrant for the arrest of Celis after the U.S. government moved to revoke his supervised release for violating his conditions such as allegedly using methamphetamine or "ice" and marijuana, and committing another criminal offense.

Brunson said U.S. Marshal agents arrested Celis based on the federal court's arrest warrant last Wednesday and found 3.25 grams of marijuana in his underwear.

Last Friday, Brunson said, Celis called her from the Department of Corrections and demanded that he be sent to Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Brunson said when she asked him about using illegal drugs, Celis admitted using "ice," heroin, and others.

When she asked about the marijuana found in his underwear, the defendant only answered "So!" and started to laugh.

The Probation Officer said Celis evaded authorities by hiding in the jungle until his arrest by the U.S. Marshal.

Brunson said the Superior Court also issued an arrest warrant for the defendant n connection with the robbery at Prince Hotel in Sadog Tasi.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, who is in Guam, conducted a hearing on Friday via a video conference

At the hearing, Celis denied all violation charges and requested a violation hearing to be set at a later date.

The judge set the revocation hearing for Thursday at 2pm.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Beverly McCallum asked the court to impose no bail citing that the defendant poses danger to the community.

Tydingco-Gatewood remanded the defendant to the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

Police Detective Christopher Leon Guerrero stated in his affidavit filed in Superior Court that the robbery victim and witnesses identified Celis as the person who snatched her bag containing money and items at the Prince Hotel on Oct. 1, 2009.

Leon Guerrero said the hotel owner saw Celis roaming in the premises of the hotel so she repeatedly advised him to leave the place.

Leon Guerrero said that while the owner and her staff were in the poolside area, the defendant appeared again and confronted the businesswoman.

The defendant then grabbed the businesswoman's bag and fled toward a jungle area.

Leon Guerrero filed the affidavit to support the charges of robbery, criminal trespass, and contempt of court against Celis.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo issued an arrest warrant against Celis and imposed a $25,000 cash bail. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

WIA launched new website

The Workforce Investment Agency officially launched its new website last week and it can be accessed through www.wia.gov.mp.

According to WIA director Edith Deleon Guerrero, "The intent of this site is to make it the CNMI's virtual OneStop [job center], thus linking most, if not all, state partner agencies for easy access for businesses and individuals."

She said WIA will provide Office of Personnel Management access to start posting their job vacancies online. ***(PR)***

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CUC: Tinian power situation stable

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REPORTER

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. assistant executive director Abe Utu Malae said Tinian's power situation is more stable than Saipan's or Rota's and proof of this is the island's 15 megawatts of reserve power.

"Of the three islands, I would say that Tinian operation is in the best shape…there is a reserve of about 15MW," said Malae who returned last week from an assessment trip on Tinian and Rota.

CUC's operations on Tinian is run by an independent power producer, Telesource CNMI Inc., which Malae said has been doing a great job supplying the island with reliable power.

"There is little worry there in terms of power because the IPP plant is efficiently run and it is fairly new," he said.

In fact, he said, Tinian has a peak load of 5MW, while the power plant operated by Telesource can produce 20MW of power.

He also reported that Tinian's water system is also operated efficiently. In the area of repairing water pump motors, Malae disclosed that the main operation on Saipan can be more responsive.

He revealed that all three islands are suffering from a shortage of safe "rolling stock" or utility vehicles and equipment.

Malae said that when the power generation on Saipan failed last year, the lion's share of resources went to restoring power and that hurt the rest of CUC's operations.

"Beginning next month for two months, the oil supplier will be cleaning and repairing its oil tanks that supply the power plant on Tinian. CUC can learn from the oil supplier in doing the same for all its water and oil tanks on a regular basis," said Malae.

Ensure compliance

Although Tinian is operated by an IPP, Malae disclosed that CUC still has the responsibility to supply and pay for the diesel fuel.

The agency is also responsible for ensuring compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

Malae said that the contractor is expected to make improvements to the power distribution system and to install new service connections.

CUC engineers and inspectors, he added, need to be on top of all such contracts.

"I have personally seen such contracts go the way of entropy and drift—where the owner is taken advantage by a more sophisticated and aggressive contractor beholden to high financial expectations of shareholders…" Malae said.

Telesource CNMI has been serving Tinian for over 10 years now. The company's investment on island exceeds $40 million as it financed, designed, built, and now operates the Tinian power plant.

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Senior vice president John Sheather presents a check to the American Red Cross NMI Chapter for $5,000. Bank of Hawaii has a long history of supporting humanitarian organizations throughout the Pacific. "We are grateful for Bank of Hawaii's generous donation to support the Red Cross" said John Hirsh, ARC NMI executive director. "Bank of Hawaii here and throughout the Pacific know firsthand the value of Red Cross volunteers and disaster assistance during typhoons and even now during the tsunami and earthquake response in American Samoa" said Hirsh. Pictured from left: Sheather, Joshua Sasamoto, NMI Board member, Hirsh, and Lisa San Nicolas, BOH assistant vice president

GTC building project moves forward; contractor named

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The renovation of two badly dilapidated buildings at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School will finally proceed after Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the Public School System awarded the contract to AIC Marianas Inc.

The contract for AIC Marianas is worth $836,000 and the completion date for the two buildings' renovation is January 2010.

The renovation of the GTC buildings caused a furor earlier this year when Fitial reprogrammed $711,000 from the Capital Improvement Project fund meant for the school to fund the construction of a football field in Koblerville.

GTC Principal Charlotte Camacho said AIC Marianas' renovation work is tentatively set to begin by end of this month after the company fulfills all the project's requirements.

AIC, she said, has 90 days to finish the construction and renovation of the buildings to meet the January 2010 deadline.

However, Camacho admitted that because of other factors such as weather, the project completion date may take a little longer than expected.

"But surely, these two buildings will be available for our students next school year," she said.

Following the contract's signing yesterday, AIC Marianas is expected to complete the building and environmental permits prior to issuance of notice to proceed from the PSS.

Since the opening of classes last month, GTC has been implementing "team teaching" on campus where students are placed in one big class as a result of lack of classrooms.

Once finished, GTC students will have 10 new classrooms for instruction. Building F and G each houses five classrooms, mostly for lower grades.

"It's been a long process and after a year of waiting, we're glad that it finally happening and definitely our students, parents, teachers, and the community will benefit from these school buildings," she said.

Press secretary Charles Reyes Jr. said the governor, in executing the contract for GTC, made good on his promise to address the needs of the school.

Buckingham revives AG's Cup

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REPORTER

CNMI Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham will revive the prestigious AG's Cup, which was terminated earlier this year because of limited resources.

Buckingham informed the event's founder, Associate Justice Alexandro C. Castro, on his intention to revive the competition this year.

Then acting AG Gregory Baka terminated the competition last May, which was supposed to be the AG's Cup's 26th year.

Baka said he decided to end the competition's staging so that the OAG can concentrate on its mission to provide legal service to the government and its entities.

Buckingham, in his letter to Castro, however expressed willingness to have it back.

"Notwithstanding a temporary gap, our office will resume support for the annual student competition and looks forward to your engagement in this year's efforts," he said.

Buckingham

Buckingham said that while there are always resource limitations, setting priorities is important.

"In this instance, continuing the AG's Cup is my privilege and honor. The Cup has been a hallmark of excellence in student competition and issues discussed," Buckingham said.

He added that in the recent AG's Cup, issues such as stateless children led to the spirited public debate and legislative action.

Buckingham is hopeful that this year's competition will likewise address issues worthy of public engagement.

He said his office will shortly convene a working committee to develop this year's topic and logistics for student competitors.

The AG's Cup was instituted in the mid-1980s when there were only a few activities, options, and extracurricular activities open to CNMI students.

Last year, Mount Carmel School was adjudged champion of the speech contest. In the competition's 25-year history, MCS has taken home the title seven times.

In the 2008 AG's Cup contest, 11 contestants tackled the theme "Should the NMI and Guam unite as one Marianas to form the 51st state of the union?"

Among the judges were officials from both Guam and CNMI governments.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MHS open house today

Marianas High School will be hosting its first open house today, Oct. 14, from 4pm to 6pm. Students will be released at 1pm on this day to allow the school time to prepare for the event. During the open house, progress reports will be distributed for first quarter grades.

MHS is inviting all parents/ legal guardians to visit your student's classroom, meet the teachers, and pick up your student's progress reports. (PR)

Japanese Festival on Oct. 24 at Garapan Central Park

The Japanese Society of NMI will hold its annual Japanese Festival on Oct. 24 at the Garapan Central Park from 9:30am to 2pm.

The event will starts at 9:30am with a garage sale. It will be followed by the festival opening with traditional ceremony at the Katori Shrine, Sugar King Park at 10am.

After the ceremony, a mini concert headlined by Kiyomi Suzuki will be held, followed by Yasakoi Dancing team and Japanese Bon Dancing. There will also be a lot of food stands, game stands, bazaars, and many more.

For more information, contact 483-5100 or 234-1210. ***(PR)***

Mayoral faceoff on *Marianas Agupa*

Saipan mayoralty candidates Jose Sanchez and Juan Demapan will appear on the Chamorro talk show, "Marianas Agupa," between 9am and 9:30am this Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009 on Magic 100.3.

"Marianas Agupa" is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona and will have Sanchez, a former educator, and Demapan, a former Senate president as guests this weekend.

Both candidates will be asked questions on their plans for the island of Saipan. The phone line at the radio station will be open for question during the show. Tune in for more on Magic 100.3 FM this coming Saturday between 9am and 11am.

Live Internet broadcast will also be available on www.magic100radio.com. ***(PR)***

KKA gubernatorial forum on Oct. 23

The Kagman Komunidat Association will be hosting a gubernatorial forum at the Kagman Community Center on Oct. 23 at 7pm. KKA encourages undecided voters to attend and share their concerns. For more information, contact KKA president, Jesse Torres at kagmankomunidatassociation@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

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Covenant Party raffle drawing on Oct. 17

The Covenant Party Precinct III Club would like to inform the public, especially individuals who purchased raffle tickets for its raffle ticket fundraising, that the drawing of winners is now re-scheduled and confirmed for Oct. 17, 2009 from 6pm to 7pm.

The location of the raffle drawing will be behind the Covenant Party headquarters in Gualo Rai (along western portion of Middle Road). Organizers of the raffle said winning ticket holders should be present to claim their prizes. ***(PR)***

GCA congratulates October PGFC winners

The administration, faculty, staff, and parents of Grace Christian Academy would like to extend their congratulations to the following winners and everyone who participated last Oct. 10, 2009 in the Primary Grades Forensic Conference (PGFC) competition at Dandan Elementary School.

K-2 Division

Humorous Interpretation-A
Clark Birmingham- 2nd place

Humorous Interpretation-B
Robert Hanrey Schorr- 5th place

Impromptu Speaking
Matt Jason Moran- 1st place
Robert Hanrey Schorr- 2nd place
Tae Yong Kim- 3rd place
Riley Anne Buenaventura-4th place
Heather Angel Pangilinan- 5th place

Readers Forum- Masters
Matt Jason Moran- 2nd place
Tae Yong Kim- 4th place
Riley Anne Buenaventura-5th place

Readers Forum- Novice A
Natsuki Hirata-5th place

3-5 Division

Dramatic Interpretation-A
Cameron Boyer- 2nd place

Choral Speaking B- 4th place
Karena Lei Torres
Jasmine Phan
Claudilyn Lacbayo
Joshua Abragan
Seung Jae Kim

Humorous Interpretation- A
Alfie Madlambayan- 3rd place

Impromptu Speaking- A
Art Matthew Mamaril- 1st place
Dianne Doris Arnold-3rd place

Impromptu Speaking- B
Francis Joseph Dalusung-3rd place

Readers Forum- Masters- A
Rita Laxamana-1st place
Alyssa Jean Pantaleon- 3rd place
Cameron Boyer-5th place

Readers Forum- Masters- B
Claudilyn Lacbayo-3rd place
Jasmine Phan- 4th place

Reader's Forum- Novice-C
Veeny France Revilla- 1st place

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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

OCT. 14, 1999

CUC holds off action on Saipan power plant

Independent experts yesterday unsealed the results of their months-long evaluation of various bids on the controversial Saipan power project that generally countered an earlier decision by the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to award the $120 million contract to Marubeni-Sithe. But the CUC Board withheld its selection of the firm to build the 80-megawatt power plant for the next three months pending further review of the report made by Burns & McDonnell as well as an assessment of the need for the project with such a magnitude on the island. Enron, the joint venture of Saipan Power Partners and HEI Power Corporation and the consortium of Alsons, Tomen, Singapore Power and Tan Holdings Corp. edged out Japan's Marubeni Corp. and its U.S. partner Sithe, Energies, Inc. based on the scores tallied by the Kansas City-based engineering firm.

DPS interrogates escapees

The three inmates who had escaped from the Division of Corrections underwent a two-hour interrogation yesterday as the police tried to determine how they managed to get out of jail. Rose Ada, the Department of Public Safety's public information officer, said the information gathered by investigators will be the basis for filing necessary charges against those who may be involved in the escape. The three inmates were rearrested Tuesday.

The court canceled yesterday the scheduled hearing for Shawn Appleby, 19, Jeronimo S. Ada, 22, and Melvin N. Basa, 27, because one of them was reportedly sick.

OCT. 14, 2002

NMC eyes over $26M ADB loan

The Northern Marianas College is asking for over $26 million loan from the Asian Development Bank to finance the construction of new college facilities, including laboratories, dormitories and classrooms. NMC president Kenneth Wright, Ph.D., said the amount is half of the total project cost of $53 million. "I requested ADB half of that amount. We made a proposal to the ADB which is in the process. That would be a substantial amount of money that would help us construct the facility and get the equipment to train the teachers and so on. The other half, we've got to find a way to find that here within the CNMI," Wright said in an interview. He said he has discussed the financial need with both the Tinian and Rota delegations.

'Four-year courses not an NMC priority'

Offering more bachelor degree programs is possible but it is not a priority at this time at the Northern Marianas College, according to NMC president Kenneth Wright, Ph.D. "We have no immediate plans to offer more four-year programs. It's possible, but it's a big task that we're not prepared to do at this time," Wright said in an interview. He said such plan is not part of the recent redesign plan. "Our goal right now is to improve it as a community college, to make it a better learning institution for the community," he said. He said a major consideration in the possible shift in status is the accreditation process.

OCT. 14, 2003

'What about our businesses?'

Shop owners on Third Street in Garapan have expressed dismay over the government's alleged lack of concern for them in view of impending business disruptions brought on by the planned construction of a $6.4-million pedestrian mall in the area. Made in Saipan store manager Wendy Kim said that, while she welcomes the mall project, she is certain it would mean losses for business during the expected nine-month construction period. "I know the project is good for tourism. I like it, but my problem is the construction time. How do we earn money if people are not coming? It's very difficult for us. We didn't know that it's going to happen so soon," said Kim.

PBDC to reorganize, invite Hawaii back

The Pacific Basin Development Council will reorganize and implement needed reforms to ensure its viability and regional responsiveness, according to its current president, CNMI Gov. Juan N. Babauta. Babauta, who recently convened a semi-annual PBDC conference on Saipan, said that part of the plan is to invite Hawaii back to the organization. Hawaii was actually a PBDC charter member but it withdrew its membership at the time of Gov. Benjamin Cayetano (1995), having concluded that other priorities merited the annual dues previously expended by the state on PBDC activities.

Stafford is new Clerk of Court at Supreme Court

Erstwhile law clerk of Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan, Daniel Stafford, yesterday assumed the position of Commonwealth Supreme Court Clerk of Court and general counsel for the judiciary.

Stafford now fills a position previously occupied by Jonathan Grayson after eight month serving under Chief Justice Demapan.

"Daniel is another of a group of outstanding young individuals who have come through the Supreme Court as a law clerk and ascended to a most important position in the Court's administrative structure. We are very happy to have him with us," said Chief Justice Demapan.

Stafford first came to the Supreme Court as an intern during law school and returned after graduation as a full-time employee. He received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University, and attended law school at John Marshall Law School in Atlanta, Georgia, where he finished in the top five percent in his class.

He has published several articles in the John Marshall Law Journal, and has also contributed to the NYU Environmental Law Journal. In the CNMI community, Stafford is the regional mock trial coordinator and coaches a youth basketball team in the local Rotary Club league.

In his new role as Clerk of the Supreme Court, Stafford will oversee all case document processing and filing, assign cases to various Justices and law clerks, facilitate settlement conferences, and perform other administrative functions. As general counsel, he will draft and review personnel contracts and serve as an ex oficio member of the CNMI Judicial Council.

Future matters involving the clerk of court may be directed toward him at daniel.stafford@justice.gov.mp, or by phone at 236-9718.

For further information or clarification please contact, Jim Stowell at 236-9715. ***(PR)***

CONGRATULATIONS

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U.S Army Sgt. Elden Michael Camacho Dela Cruz, right, was promoted recently to staff sergeant. He is the son of Thomas D. Dela Cruz and Anicia C. Dela Cruz. He is assigned to 368th Military Police Company Detachment 22, attached to Third Army, U.S. Army Central, Coalition, Forces Land Component Command and has been in the military for nine years.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to the best daughter, sister, and mother in the world, Dionicia Lighi Santos Hosono. May God continue to bless you dearly and we hope you have a blast on this day. Best wishes Pumpkin. Greeting coming from your friends and most definitely your familia. We love you very much!

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State of the Judiciary Address set tomorow

The public is invited to attend the State of the Judiciary Address to be delivered by Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan tomorrow, Oct. 15, 10am in the Supreme Court Courtroom at the Guma' Hustisia-Iimwal Aweewe-House of Justice in Susupe.

Demapan

Also invited are Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, House Speaker Arnold Palacios, Senate President Pete Reyes, along with other community leaders.

In his speech, "From Federalization to Recession: The Courts in Difficult Times" the Chief Justice will discuss the Judiciary's achievements, its containment of expenses and its completion of projects in the last year, including the implementation of resource and time saving technology, such as e-filing, which has become an important tool for increasing judicial efficiency.

Chief Justice Demapan observes in his speech that effective and reliable courts become even more important in times when our government and the private sector are hard pressed financially; "public trust in the judiciary's work is a critical component of the engine that keeps our Commonwealth moving forward."

For further information or clarification contact, Jim Stowell at 236-9716. ***(PR)***

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The Corporate Director of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), a subsidiary corporation of the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) is soliciting sealed proposals to perform a financial and compliance audit of NMHC for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2009 and 2010. This procurement is being conducted pursuant to CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 70-30.3, specifically § 70-30.3-210).

One (1) original and three (3) copies of the proposal shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked/stamped "Confidential" and labeled "NMHC RFP09-001," for FY 2009 and 2010 Audit Proposal to the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 a.m., October 23, 2009.

The audit guidelines and specifications for this audit may be picked up at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950 during normal working hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI Holidays. Inquiries may be directed to Edith C. Fejeran, Office Manager, at telephone numbers (670) 234-6866/7689, fax 234-9021 or email ecfejeran@nmhc.gov.mp

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Children left behind

The Obama administration has made a promising move regarding school reform with its "Race to the Top" program. The $4.3 billion in federal grants is intended to reward states and schools that introduce new models of innovation and accountability.

What needs reform just as badly as the schools, however, is the No Child Left Behind Act, a well-meant but ham-handed law that actually encourages schools to lower their academic standards and that often leaves behind the students who most need help. That revision cannot wait; it must take place in tandem with the grant program. Neither the federal government nor schools can measure success without reasonable, consistent targets.

Fortunately, Education Secretary Arne Duncan has started talking about overhauling No Child Left Behind. Though the details have not been worked out, Duncan has found the right focus: The law's method of determining whether schools have met their goals is rigid, unrealistic and counterproductive.

Under the 7-year-old law, a school is considered to be "failing" unless a certain percentage of students score as proficient on standardized state tests each year. And raising the number of proficient students isn't enough; schools are given targets for each demographic group, including ethnicity, socioeconomic level and special education needs. A school that misses any of the targets lands in the failure category.

Under these restrictive rules, many a school that is making real headway is nonetheless tarred. And because the law gives states the authority to define proficiency, they have an incentive to set the bar low. Some of them have.

With its insistence on proficiency as the only determiner of progress, the law is out of touch with the realities of struggling schools. It is practically impossible for students who start out at the bottom levels of achievement to rise to proficiency within a year or two, but schools get no credit for significant improvements that fall short of that mark. The result: Many schools put their biggest efforts into raising the achievement of students who are just below proficient, because those students give them the best chance of meeting federal targets.

The Obama administration has rightly embraced the basic tenets of testing, reporting and accountability in No Child Left Behind, the cornerstone of education policy under the George W. Bush administration. Progress has been made under the law, though too slowly. Equally important, the law has revealed exactly how far behind many students are.

Nevertheless, Congress will probably put up more resistance to this overdue rewrite than it did to spending an additional $4.3 billion on schools. That would be a shame. Judicious accountability standards and the funding to achieve them ought to go hand in hand.

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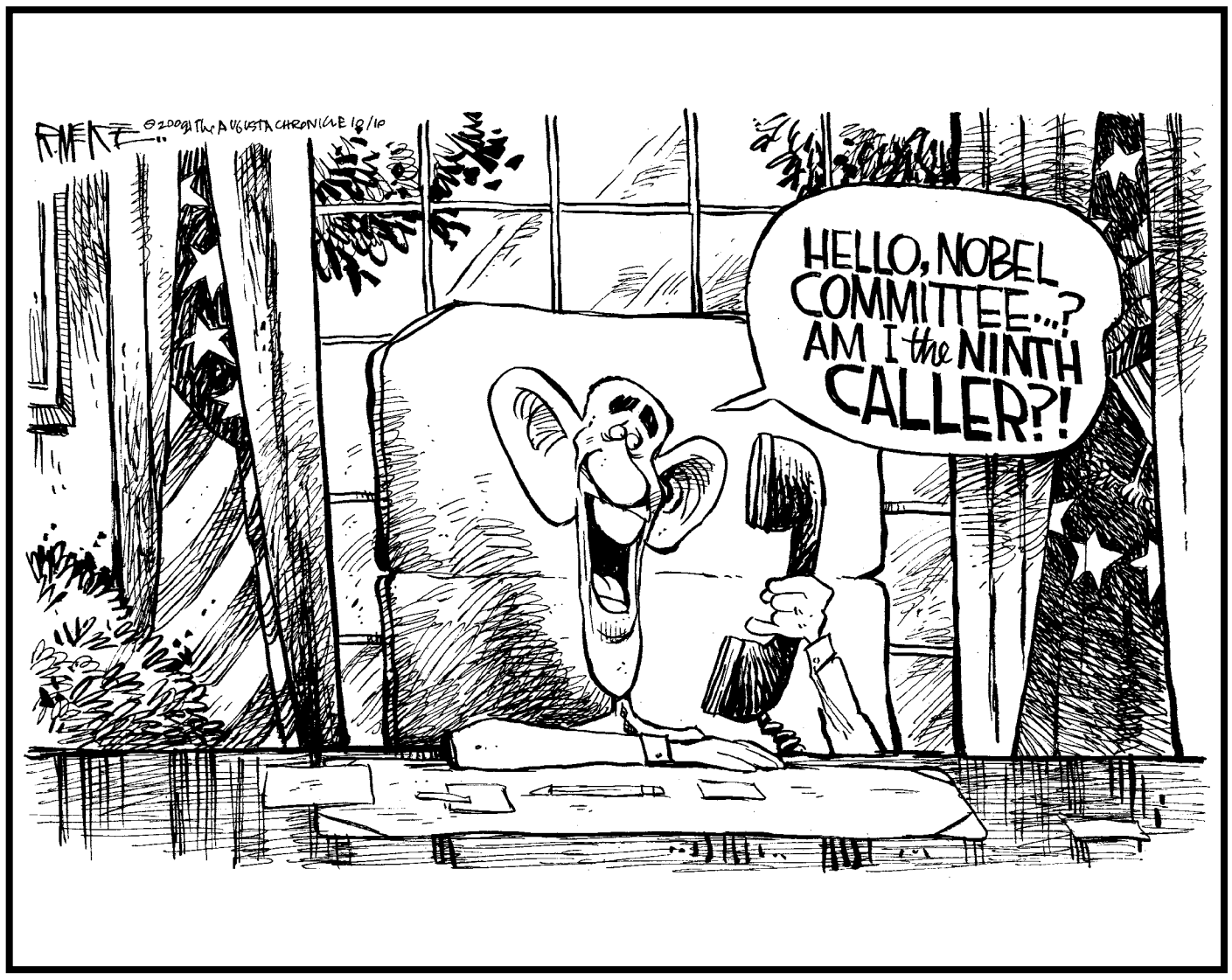

We can still win

By RICHARD FONTAINE and JOHN NAGL
Special to the Los Angeles Times

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As the Obama administration debates whether to stick with the counterinsurgency strategy for Afghanistan, opponents point to that nation's flawed presidential election as a reason why this approach cannot work. Counterinsurgency is premised, they argue, on the presence of a legitimate national government that can win allegiance from local populations. Given credible allegations of rampant abuse in Afghanistan's August election, President Hamid Karzai's newly illegitimate government cannot play this role. As a result, the United States has little choice but to change strategies.

This argument is badly flawed. Electoral fraud will render our task in Afghanistan more difficult, but it does not make counterinsurgency impossible. On the contrary, a counterinsurgency approach—and not a narrowly tailored mission focused solely on killing or capturing enemies—remains the best path to success in Afghanistan.

To understand why, consider the analogous case of Iraq over the last three years. In January 2007, the "surge" of combat forces began as part of a new counterinsurgency strategy that emphasized clearing areas of fighters, holding that territory and building the infrastructure and institutions that had been so badly lacking—just as Army Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal has proposed for Afghanistan.

At the time, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's Shiite-led government was widely viewed as weak and sectarian. An overwhelming number of Sunni Arabs—who formed the center of gravity of the insurgency—rejected its legitimacy and had boycotted the December 2005 elections that brought it to power. The al-Maliki government had done little to allay these feelings; on the contrary, elements of its security forces participated in sectarian violence against Sunnis through 2006. As Sunnis became further alienated from the central government, the cycle of violence began to spiral out of control.

Army Gen. David H. Petraeus' counterinsurgency strategy aimed to arrest this process by using American troops to protect the population—predicting, correctly, that until basic security was restored in key neighborhoods and communities, extremists on both sides of the sectarian divide would continue to inflame the situation. With U.S. forces clearing and holding territory and demonstrating to the Sunnis that they had a reasonable alternative to al-Qaida and its sectarian warfare, the extremists were sidelined. Security began to improve, and the political space necessary for reconciliation began to open.

Prospects for such an outcome in Afghanistan actually look better now than they did in Iraq in early 2007. To begin with, unlike Iraq—where success hinged on persuading a critical mass of the Sunni Arab community to accept the bitter reality of a Shiite-led government—no deep existential issue drives Afghans (primarily Pashtuns) into the arms of the insurgents.

In fact, according to polls and other evidence, the overwhelming majority of Afghans, including Pashtuns, remain hostile to the Taliban's ideological agenda and unenthusiastic about a return to the medievalism that was inflicted on the country when it was last in power. The inroads the Taliban has made mainly reflect the failures and abuses of the Afghan government at the local level, not transcendent grievances about ethnic or sectarian divides.

For this reason, the national government in Afghanistan almost certainly retains greater legitimacy among the people than did the Iraqi government before things began to turn for the better there.

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates recently touched on this point. Despite the presidential election, he said, "the key is whether the Afghans believe that their government has legitimacy. And everything that I've seen in the intelligence and elsewhere indicates that remains the case."

This is not to say that a stolen presidential election is meaningless. But our main goal should be helping the Afghan government work at the local level—providing the marginal but tangible improvements in security, governance and prosperity that ordinary Afghans say they want, and stopping the corruption and abuses they personally contend with and resent.

Ironically, the greatest effect of Afghanistan's botched election may be felt outside the country—reinforcing doubts in the U.S. and Europe about whether a corrupt Afghan government really deserves our help. But this misses the point. We are in Afghanistan because its takeover by the Taliban would be catastrophic for American national interests. The Taliban seeks to achieve that goal by exploiting any gaps it can find between the government and the people. Our task is to see clearly the causes for these gaps and take the steps necessary to close them.

This is precisely what McChrystal spent upward of 60 pages explaining in his recent assessment. The counterinsurgency strategy he describes—difficult and costly though it may be—remains the best possible path to preventing the return of Afghanistan to a Taliban-dominated terrorist sanctuary.

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How to stay positive all the time…in business

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Creating economic success for the CNMI

By WALT F.J. GOODRIDGE
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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This has been a busy, productive and inspiring week for me. I've had the opportunity to do business with Chamorros, Carolinians, Italians, Americans, Koreans, Filippinos, Russians, Chinese, and Japanese. (For the record, I absolutely love being able to say that, and I absolutely can because I live on Saipan!)

As I encounter these business people from various ethnic, cultural and national backgrounds, I'm prompted to *seek out the similarities and differences among them. I asked myself, among other questions, "Why are some people successful in business and why are others not? How does being Korean or Russian, for example, affect your success in business here on Saipan or anywhere else?"*

So, because the response to my recent article "How to Stay Positive All the Time" [*Tribune*, Sept 30, 2009] has been so overwhelming, and ongoing (see feedback), I've decided to create my own bandwagon to jump on "chicken soup for the soul style," and give you some tips on staying positive and successful all the time...this time, while doing business on Saipan.

As I thought about what to include in this list, I realized how self-evident many of them were, and was reminded of Jamaican dub poet, Mutabaruka, and [these extracts from] his unique self-analyzing work, entitled "Dis Poem:"

"...dis [list] is no secret
dis poem shall say nothing new
dis poem will not be amongst great literary works
will not be recited by poetry enthusiasts
will not be quoted by politicians nor men of religion..."

Similarly, "dis list" of how to stay positive in business is no secret. It will not surprise you. There will be nothing new about "dis list." This will be a list that anyone can compile on their own. The difference, however, is that the people whom I've worked with this week, who have a track record of business success here on Saipan and abroad, do one simple thing: they actually live by and practice doing the things on "dis list!"

Show up

It's been said that 50 percent of success is simply showing up. During this week, I've called people who didn't call back. I've offered what I felt where great opportunities to people who didn't act on them. However, the people with whom I've been able to generate opportunities and income simply showed up.

Show up on time

If you're going to show up, then, for heaven's sake, show up on time! The people I worked with this week invariably showed up to (typically BEFORE) our appointed times. I didn't have to call and confirm. If someone couldn't make our agreed-upon time, which happened only once, he/she called in advance to let me know.

Work with people who make you feel good

What's the point of working with people who bring you down? The people I worked with this week made me laugh, made me think, and made me raise the level of my own game. They were pleasant to work with as none of them were whiners or complainers.

Do what you say you will do

The people I worked with this week made promises, and followed through. In fact, in one instance, I got a surprise email with a gift of money from a woman I helped months ago. I had mentioned during our consulting session the possibility of structuring an arrangement in which payment for my consulting would be based on any increase in sales that my advice generated for her. I had forgotten about it, moved on to other projects, but it seemed that a single piece of marketing advice I had given her resulted in a 60% increase in sales the next month. She didn't forget, and promptly emailed me, then cut me a check. No contract. No lawyers. Just the integrity of a woman of her word.

Do it quickly

I was prompted to raise the level of my own game this week, when I was pleasantly surprised by the speed with which the women and men I worked with got things done. Late night calls, early morning meetings, weekend appointments--all in an effort to make things happen as quickly as possible.

Focus on the future

The people I worked with this week were all looking beyond the present. They knew that not only would things eventually get better, but that they—by their very actions—would be instrumental in making it so. They were acting in anticipation of, but also in creation of the "better" they knew was coming.

So, there you have it: just a few of many tips on staying positive and positively successful in business. Nothing earth shattering. Nothing mind blowing. But, wait, there's more! To paraphrase Mutabaruka:

dis [list] is still not written
u need to know what will be said next in dis [list]
dis [list] shall disappoint u
because…dis [list] is to be continued in your mind….

[Search Youtube for Muta's performance of Dis Poem! Great stuff!]

FEEDBACK:

Greetings, Walt,

I really enjoyed reading this piece ["How to Stay Positive All The Time"]. You may very well be too smart to discuss religion in this format, BUT the mind-set you are suggesting virtually comes right out of scripture!!! Scripture tells us to "call things that be not as though they were" (Romans 4:17) and scripture also tells us that "there is life and death in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21). Just the fact that you are suggesting to the general population there on Saipan to speak an alternative view of what might be the obvious condition to me is to suggest that people "walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). Again, I truly enjoyed your thoughts and suggestions.

--F.O. on Guam

Mr. Goodridge,

I happened to come across your article when searching in google for news articles related to Stay Positive. The reason being, my friends and I have been handing out, holding, and hanging Stay Positive signs in the town of Grand Junction for the last couple of years. Based on your article, you probably understand why we do what we do, but I must say, the whole project has been quite amazing. If you're interested in seeing what we're up to, please feel free to visit our website: StayPositiveNow.com.

This concept is something that people are starting to embrace and become well familiar with in our town. If you're further interested by what we've been up to, check out an article in the Grand Junction Sentinel

Thank you for using your tools to spread good messages. It's a really good thing to encourage people to not only fulfill their potential, but to stay positive about the future.

--N. Moore., Colorado

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Note: Fans and followers of the book, *Chicken Feathers and Garlic Skin: Diary of a Chinese Garment Factory Girl on Saipan* may now request copies here on Saipan by emailing me walt@passionprofit.com, or Amazon.com.

***Note**: Ever wanted to direct your friends and family to a set of websites that said good things about Saipan? Do what I do: send them to www.bestofsaipan.com!*

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Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!

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In a fast food nation, no taste for *Gourmet*

By JANE BLACK
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The news that, after 68 years, America's premier food magazine would be shelved rocked the food world. It shouldn't have been a surprise, of course. For months, we had all heard the rumors about Gourmet. But no one, including Editor in Chief Ruth Reichl—who was notified Monday, the day of the announcement—believed it could happen.

Part of it was the shock of having to break a serious habit. I started leafing through *Gourmet* when I was 10 years old, clipping recipes for curried chicken in phyllo and dreaming of sweet lemons from Italy's Amalfi coast. But it was more than that. Under Reichl, Gourmet distinguished itself by printing more than just lush photos of tarts and tortellini. Its writers were some of the first to explore the burgeoning "good food" movement, reporting on workers' rights in the Florida tomato fields, the endangered fishing industry in the Gulf of Mexico and eat-local activists. There were recipes, yes, but Gourmet treated food as a lens for politics, culture and business. Each issue reinforced what I, as a food writer, wanted to be true: Food no longer belonged on the women's pages. It was a cause.

Critics lined up to explain the magazine's demise. It was a rejection of elitism! It was a victory for the more-democratic food coverage that would take its place! But for me, the death of Gourmet reveals something more sobering. The good-food movement doesn't yet have mass appeal. The number of farmers markets in this country is growing, but so are the sales of convenience foods. Michelle Obama grabs the international spotlight every time she trumpets healthful eating in her garden on the White House lawn or at the new farmers market nearby. But in its last quarter, McDonald's saw global sales rise 5 percent.

In short, more consumers may say they care about where their food comes from. But most are quickly appeased by labels with pictures of happy cows grazing behind a white-picket fence. And apparently not enough wanted to read about it in Gourmet.

More people are thinking about what they eat. But what attracts readers—and advertisers—is not myth-busting about the pampered life of a waygu steer. (The animals are beer-fed and massaged each day, Gourmet correspondent Barry Estabrook reported in 2007, but only because they are kept in tiny crates.) Readers want food to be fun, and they want meals in 30 minutes or less. No wonder research firm NPD reports that in the United States the number of meals cooked in a microwave is at an all-time high.

Gourmet's circulation hadn't dropped precipitously—about 1 percent, to 978,000, in the first half of 2009, a period of veritable apocalypse for other luxury print publications. But its owner, Conde Nast, apparently concluded that subscriptions would never soar enough to win back advertisers who had abandoned the magazine. Between January and June, Gourmet's ad pages plunged 46 percent, slightly more than at its more conventional sister Bon Appetit, which escaped the corporate ax, and startlingly more than in the mainstream publications that trade in "10 fast and yummy casseroles." The deliberately unliterary Every Day With Rachael Ray (for which I have written) saw ad pages fall 14 percent. Paula Deen's new magazine, which this month had a recipe for French bread pizza made with store-bought chicken fingers, increased ad pages by 0.2 percent.

The ideals of *Gourmet* and the good-food movement are, certainly, good things—for everyone. But morality and logic do not easily, or quickly, translate into mass acceptance.

Which is why I don't see the end of *Gourmet* as a rejection of local foods, artisanal producers or agricultural workers' rights. Instead, it's proof that the embrace of such trends is not quite as widespread as I and other fans of the magazine would have liked to believe. Yet.

Those mourning *Gourmet*—chef and author Anthony Bourdain called it "the center of gravity" for the food world—should redouble their efforts to create demand for fresh, ethically grown food everywhere: in suburban grocery stores and in bodegas, in urban school gardens and on the White House lawn. It must be valued by parents, children and teachers, not just writers, advocates and Michelle Obama.

Sometimes, 1 million people does not a movement make; as Conde Nast has shown, right now it doesn't even justify a monthly magazine.

Black is a reporter for The Washington Post's *Food section.*

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲85	▼77
Palau	Showers	▲86	▼78
Yap	Showers	▲85	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲88	▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲88	▼74
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼78
Majuro	Showers	▲84	▼78

Around The Globe

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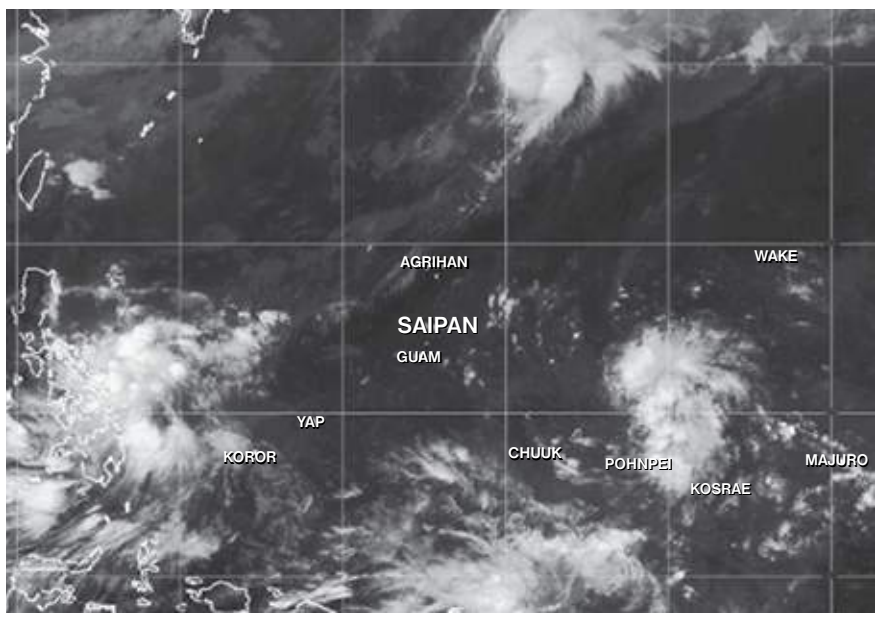

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5:04 PM Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
11:10 PM Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:08 AM	5:57 PM
Thursday	6:09 AM	5:57 PM
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Saturday	6:09 AM	5:56 PM
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Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:04 AM	2:53 PM
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NW75	3:50pm	6:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

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SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	1, 3, 4, 6 via KIX
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/703	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:30pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

C09598	3:15am	3:50am	5, 6
C09312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	2:10am	2:40am	5, 6
C09312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09598	2:10am	3:50am	5, 6 via ROP
C09316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:20am	11:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
C09312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
C09602	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW76	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
NW77	6:35pm	1:40am+1	2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
NW100	8:40pm	1:20am+1	1, 4, 5, 7 effective Oct 1

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

OZ120	9:55pm	2:20am+1	2, 3, 5, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	4, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	2, 3, 5, 7 via KIX
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA-SAIPAN

OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ704/605	11:50pm	2:30pm+1	3, 6 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	4, 7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN

Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; PR: Philippine Airlines; NW: Northwest; OZ: Asiana
ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

Business

2 Nobel winners may shape financial crisis debate

WASHINGTON (AP)—One scholar studies how best to manage resources like forests, fisheries and oilfields. A fellow American looks at why some companies grow so large. Together they're winners of this year's Nobel Prize in economics for groundbreaking work that could affect efforts to prevent another global financial crisis.

Ostrom

Elinor Ostrom, 76, known for her work on the management of common resources, is the first woman to win a Nobel in economics. She shares this year's prize with Oliver Williamson, 77, who pioneered the study of how and why companies structure themselves and how they resolve conflicts.

Monday's final prizes of 2009 capped a year in which a record five women won Nobels. And it was an exceptionally strong year for the United States, too. Eleven American citizens, some of them with dual nationality, were among the 13 Nobel winners, including President Barack Obama, who won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said it chose Ostrom and Williamson for work that "advanced economic governance research from the fringe to the forefront of scientific attention." They will share the $1.4 million prize.

Ostrom showed how common resources—forests, fisheries, oilfields, grazing lands and irrigation systems—can be managed successfully by the people who use them, rather than by governments or private companies.

"What we have ignored is what citizens can do and the importance of real involvement of the people involved—as opposed to just having somebody in Washington ... make a rule," Ostrom, a political scientist at Indiana University, said during a brief session with reporters in Bloomington, Ind.

Williamson, an economist at the University of California, Berkeley, focused on how companies and markets differ in resolving conflicts. He found that companies are typically better able than markets to resolve conflicts when competition is limited, the citation said.

The academy did not specifically mention the global financial crisis. But many of the problems at the heart of it—bonuses, executive compensation, risky and poorly understood securities—involve a perceived lack of oversight.

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Public Education on "Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 to Amend Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution"

Question: Do you approve of Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 to amend Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold regular general elections only in even-numbered years? Yes or No.

Stated Findings: With the implementation of US Public Law 110-229 granting the Commonwealth a non-voting delegate to the US Congress, the CNMI Government has to conduct a separate election for that office in even-numbered years commencing in 2008 in addition to holding regular general election in odd-numbered years pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1 of the CNMI Constitution. By not holding an election every year, the Legislature finds that the cost-savings could be used for other programs and services in need of additional funds. Therefore, the purpose of this initiative is to propose an amendment as set forth in section 2 hereof to Article VIII, Section 1 of the CNMI Constitution to hold general elections only in even-numbered years.

General Summary: Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 proposes to hold the general election and the election for the non-voting delegate during even-numbered years. This would eliminate the need for a special election like the one conducted in 2008 for the federal non-voting delegate position. Instead, the Commonwealth would vote for the federal non-voting delegate during the general election. The Senate has found that by holding one election instead of two a reported $87,530.00 would be saved. This $87,530.00 could then be used for other programs and services in the CNMI that are in need of additional funds. In the short term this initiative would affect the length of terms of the individuals that are voted into office in this 2009 election and during the next midterm election. All House of Representatives elected in November will serve a three-year term instead of the customary two-year term. All Senators elected in November will serve a five-year term instead of the customary four-year term. Likewise, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Mayors will each serve a five-year term instead of the customary four-year term. The increased term length would only happen during this election in order to synchronize the general election and the election for the non-voting delegate in 2012.

Nation

Dems scramble after warning from health insurers

WASHINGTON (AP)— Insurance companies aren't playing nice any more. Their dire message that health care legislation will drive up premiums for people who already have coverage comes as a warning shot at a crucial point in the debate and threatens President Barack Obama's top domestic priority.

Democrats and their allies scrambled on Monday to knock down a new industry-funded study forecasting that Senate legislation, over time, will add thousands of dollars to the cost of a typical policy. "Distorted and flawed," said White House spokeswoman Linda Douglass. "Fundamentally dishonest," said AARP's senior policy strategist, John Rother. "A hatchet job," said a spokesman for Senate Finance Committee chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont.

But the health insurance industry's top lobbyist in Washington stood her ground. In a call with reporters, Karen Ignagni, president of America's Health Insurance Plans, pointedly refused to rule out attack ads on TV featuring the study, though she said she believed the industry's concerns could be amicably addressed.

At the heart of the industry's complaint is a decision by lawmakers to weaken the requirement that millions more Americans get coverage. Since the legislation would ban insurance companies from denying coverage on account of poor health, many people will wait to sign up until they get sick, the industry says. And that will drive up costs for everybody else.

Insurers are now raising possibilities such as higher premiums for people who postpone getting coverage, or waiting periods for those who ignore a proposed government requirement to get insurance and later have a change of heart.

The drama threatened to overshadow Tuesday's scheduled vote by the Senate Finance Committee on a 10-year, $829-billion plan that Baucus has touted as the sensible solution to America's problems of high medical costs and too many uninsured.

The Baucus bill is still expected to win Finance Committee approval. The insurance industry is trying to influence what happens beyond the vote, when legislation goes to the floor of the House and Senate, and, if passed, to a conference committee that would reconcile differences in the bills.

It's at that final stage where many expect the real deal will be cut.

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Edukasion Pupbliku ni "Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 para u Amenda i Attikulu VIII, Seksiona 1 gi Konstitusion"

Kuestion: Kåo un apreba i Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 para u amenda i Attikulu VIII, Seksiona 1 gi Konstitusion i Sangkattan na Islan Marianas siha para u go'te i regulåt na eleksion henerål ha'gi even-numbered na såkkan siha? Hunggan pat Åhe'

Yåma na Sinedda': Yan i implimentasion i US Lain Pupbliku 110-229 manå'i i Commonwealth non-voting na delegådu para i Kongreson US, i Gobietnamenton CNMI debi na u kondukta separåo na eleksion para ayu i ofisinan i sakkan i even-numbered siha ha tutuhon gue; gi 2008 yan dinaña'i para u na'guaha regulåt na eleksion henerål gi odd-numbered na såkkan sigun gi Attikulu VIII, Seksiona 1 gi Konstitusion CNMI. Ti debi na u na'guaha i eleksion gi maseha håfa na såkkan, i Lehislatura ha sodda' na i cost-savings siña ma'usa para otro progråma siha yan setbisio siha ni numisisita más fondo siha. Låo, i hangain este na initiative ni para u mapropone amendasion komu mapega mo'na gi seksiona 2 guini gi Attikulu VIII, Seksiona 1 gi Konstitusion i CNMI para u na'guaha eleksion henerål siha gi even-numbered ha' na såkkan siha.

Sumårian Henerål: I Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 ha propone para u na'guaha eleksion henerål yan eleksion para i non-voting delegate gi durånten i sakkan i even-numbered siha. Este u na'suha i nisisdåt para i espisiåt na eleksion tåt komu i unu ni makondukta gi 2008 para i non-voting na pusision i delegådon federål. Alugåt,di i Commonwealth u fambota para i non-voting na delegådon federål gi durånten i eleksion henerål. I Senate ha sodda' na yanggen mana'guaha unu na eleksion alugåt di i dos maripot na manmankahåya $87,530.00 na salåppe'. Este i $87,530.00 siña ma'usa para otro progråma siha yan setbisio siha gi halom i CNMI ni manmanisisita para más na fondo siha. Gi kadada' na tema este na initiative siña inafekta i inanåkko' i tema siha gi indibiduåt siha ni manmabota hålom i ofisina guini gi 2009 na eleksion yan durånten i sigiente na eleksion i midterm. Todu Kongreso siha ni manma'ilihi gi Nubembre para u masetbe tres åños na tema alugåt di regulåtmente i dos åños na tema. Todu Senadot siha manma'ilihi gi Nubembre yan para u masetbe singko åños na tema alugåt di regulåtmente i kuåtro åños na tema. Taimanu ha', i Gobietno, Segundo Gobietno yan i Mayot siha u masetbe singko åños na tema alugåt di regulåtmente i kuåtro åños na tema. I inåomentan i inanåkko' i tema ni siña ha' masusedi gi durånten este na eleksion nai siña para u synchronize i eleksion henerål yan i eleksion para i delegådon i non-voting gi 2012.

ACROSS THE NATION

Swine flu and kids: Heed warning signs, MDs say

CHICAGO (AP)—Max Gomez was a bright-eyed 5-year-old happy to have just started kindergarten when he developed sniffles and a fever. His mother figured it was only a cold. Three days later, the Antioch, Tenn., boy was dead, apparently from swine flu. At least 76 American children have died from the new virus, and doctors are urging parents to watch for warning signs that the flu has become life-threatening. Ruth Gomez says Max developed dangerous symptoms—bluish fingers and extreme fatigue after seeming to get better—just one day before he died. She took him to the doctor, but it was too late. "We were in shock," Gomez said softly, still trying to wrap her mind around her little boy's Aug. 31 death. "There are so many unanswered questions. What happened?"

'Die quickly' congressman hosts health care event

TAVARES, Fla. (AP)—A Florida congressman tried to make sure a health care town hall meeting he hosted Monday night didn't turn into a debate about his recent remarks that Republicans want sick people to "die quickly." He mostly succeeded. When the House floor speech that's given him national attention came up almost immediately, U.S. Rep. Alan Grayson dismissed the subject, saying, "My time is limited tonight and I'm not going to debate politics, I'm going to debate health care." The first-term congressman then answered a string of questions from people opposed to health care reform, supporters and the undecided. Absent was the over-the-top rhetoric that has made him a YouTube sensation. And the crowd was mostly civil and

FBI delves into DMV photos in search for fugitives

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—In its search for fugitives, the FBI has begun using facial-recognition technology on millions of motorists, comparing driver's license photos with pictures of convicts in a high-tech analysis of chin widths and nose sizes. The project in North Carolina has already helped nab at least one suspect. Agents are eager to look for more criminals and possibly to expand the effort nationwide. But privacy advocates worry that the method allows authorities to track people who have done nothing wrong. "Everybody's participating, essentially, in a virtual lineup by getting a driver's license," said Christopher Calabrese, an attorney who focuses on privacy issues at the American Civil Liberties Union.

Texas man found asleep with corpse in closet

HOUSTON (AP)—Authorities say a Houston man found asleep with a corpse inside a closet of a vacant Texas home faces misdemeanor drug charges. Harris County Constable deputies discovered 21-year-old Cody Jean Plant on Sunday at the home in Cypress, which is about 25 miles northwest of Houston. The deputies went to the home after the owner reported hearing voices and seeing signs of forced entry. Authorities didn't immediately release the dead man's identity. Assistant Chief Deputy Mark Herman tells the Houston Chronicle that the men appeared to have been taking drugs.

Fourth-grader may be youngest to kill whale

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Native Alaskans say a fourth-grader may have become the youngest person to kill a whale, delivering the fatal blow to a 32-foot bowhead during a hands-on hunting lesson from his uncles. The crew landed the whale last Tuesday as hunters approached the city of Barrow's annual quota of 22 bowheads. His uncle and whaling crew captain, Qulliuq Pebley, says 9-year-old Paul Patkotak is the youngest whaler in memory credited with a kill. He says the youngest before Paul was a 15-year-old. Paul's father, Ellis Patkotak, describes him as a shy kid who loves snowmobiling, playing the "Rock Band" video game and hunting.

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Ammatafal Toulap reel " Senate Legislative Initiative16-11 iye e siweli Article V111, Tálil 1 mereel Allégh Lapalap."

Ayegh: U aprebai Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11, Tálil 1 mereel Allégh Lapalap llól Téél falúw kka Efáng Marianas bwe ebwe ayoora regular general election llól rágh kka e even number schagh ? Awer ngáre Saabw.

Milikka re schuungi: Igha aa toolong Alléghúl Toulap ye US 110-229 iye aa mweiti ngáli Commonwealth's escháy non-voting delegate nge US Congress, Gobennool Commonwealth aa ayoora bwal eew bwotasion ngáre bwulasiyo yeel llól rágh ye e even-number, e bweletá wóól 2008, fengál me general regular election llól odd-numbered, sángi Article V111, Tálil 1 mereel Allégh Lapalap ye CNMI. Igha ese yoor election alongal ráágh, Sów Ffééról Allégh (Legislature) e schuungi bwe cost-savings nge emmwel ebwe yááyá ngáli akkááw progróóma me alillis (service) kka e nisitaay maas salaapi. Ila mille, faal initiative yeel nge ebwe pomwoli ssiwel ye aa ammwel llól tálil ruwoow mellól Article V111, Tálil 1 mereel Allégh Lapalap ye CNMI ebwe ayoora general election llól rágh kka even-number schagh.

Aweewe: Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 e pomwoli ebwe ayoora general election me electionul non-voting delegate llól rágh kka even-number. Milleel nge ebwe ayuwúló special election ebwe aweey ighiwe eyoor llol 2008, reel posision we federal non-voting delegate. Iwe, Commonwealth ebwele bwoota reel federal non-voting delegate llól general election. Senate aa schuungi bwe igha eew schagh election me mmwal ruwoow nge ebwe save llapal $87,530. $87,530 yeel nge emmwel ebwe yááli ngáli akkááw progróóma kka llól CNMI ikka e nisitaay maas fundo. Mellol short term initiative yeel ebwe aweiresi (afektaay) tool term reel schóókka re bwotaar llól 2009 me bwal mid-term election. Alongeer House of Representative kka re bwotaar llól Nobembre rebwe lo eluuw ráágh, ese weey fasúl, ruwoow ráágh. Alongeer Senators kka re bwotaar llól Nobembre rebwe lo limwoow ráágh, ese weey fasúl iwe faawu ráágh. E bwal weewe schagh me Sów Lemelem, Sów Mang me Maghalaay. Alongeer rebwe lo limwoow ráágh ese weey ighiwe faawu ráágh. Tetáál raghil yaar lo nge llól schagh election yeey bwelle ebwe weeweló ótol general election me non-voting delegate election llól 2012.

World

Extra coffins shipped to storm-hit RP area

BAGUIO, Philippines (AP)—Authorities sent more than 200 coffins Monday to the typhoon-battered northern Philippines for the grim task of burying the storm's victims, including a family of eight whose house was buried under a torrent of mud.

The nationwide death toll from landslides and flooding stood at more than 600 since back-to-back storms started pounding the northern Philippines on Sept. 26. Hundreds of thousands are still displaced, and the damage from the worst flooding in 40 years has run into hundreds of millions of dollars.

The death toll was so high that some areas ran out of coffins. More than 200 wooden caskets assembled in neighboring provinces were expected in Baguio, where more funerals were planned, said regional disaster-relief director Olive Luces.

Baguio city, in the heart of the Cordillera mountain range where at least 277 people died, organized a burial for a family of eight, including six children, whose house along Marcos Highway was pinned down by other houses that tumbled down a mountainside late Thursday.

"I am saddened by what happened," said Mildred Ligos, a cousin of Leonora Pinol Picar, who died with her husband and their children aged 1 to 11. She said she hadn't seen her cousin in years because they lived in different areas. "And then we met again only now."

Flooding and mudslides had blocked three key roads to the area, isolating the upland region for three days. Many international tourists were among those stranded.

Gasoline was still in short supply and panic buying of canned goods emptied several stores in Baguio city.

But the situation was improving after four twin-rotor U.S. Marine CH-46 helicopters flew in eight tons of supplies Sunday. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo also came by helicopter and ordered officials to hasten efforts to reopen the roads.

One was reopened Sunday, but only partly, allowing light vehicles to pass. Priority items included canned goods, sugar, candles, laundry soap and kitchen items, said Myrna Pablo, the city director of the Department of Trade and Industry.

Lines at gasoline stations were getting shorter, and tankers were expected to reach Baguio later Monday, she said.

In nearby Benguet province, most of the 189 dead were recovered in a mountainside community called Little Kibungan.

Marsman Diang recalled frantically digging through the mud Friday for his five nieces and nephews. Four were found dead, wrapped in a bedsheet. One was pulled out barely breathing and did not make it to the hospital alive.

The children's father, Diang's brother, left to work in Japan two months ago to raise money for the kids' education. He heard about their deaths in a phone call from Diang.

"He couldn't talk. I heard him weeping with his wife when I called to tell them that their children were gone," Diang said.

About 700 U.S. Marines and sailors on land and at sea were helping out with the relief effort.

Security of Pakistan nuclear weapons questioned

ISLAMABAD (AP)—An audacious weekend assault by Islamic militants on Pakistan's army headquarters is again raising fears of an insurgent attack on the country's nuclear weapons installation. Pakistan has sought to protect its nuclear weapons from attack by the Taliban or other militants by storing the warheads, detonators and missiles separately in facilities patrolled by elite troops.

Analysts are divided on how secure these weapons are. Some say the weapons are less secure than they were five years ago, and Saturday's attack would show a "worrisome" overconfidence by the Pakistanis.

While complex security is in place, much depends on the Pakistani army and how vulnerable it is to infiltration by extremists, said a Western government official with access to intelligence on Pakistan and its nuclear arsenal, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject.

Analysts say a more realistic scenario would involve militant sympathizers getting work as scientists at the facilities and passing information to extremists.

"It's not thought likely that the Taliban are suddenly going to storm in and gain control of the nuclear facilities," said Gareth Price, head of the Asia program at London think tank Chatham House. "There are enough command-and-control mechanisms in place to prevent that."

A U.S. counterproliferation official in Washington said strong safeguards are in place and there is no reason to believe the nuclear arsenal is in imminent jeopardy of seizure by militants.

The official, who commented on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the matter publicly, said there is a major difference between attacking a nuclear site and actually seizing and using the nuclear material stored inside.

Security at Pakistan's isolated nuclear installations is believed to be significantly higher than at the army headquarters, which was relatively relaxed by the standards of other nations.

US senator: Passage of global warming bill possible soon

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The chairman of the U.S. Senate's environment committee said Monday that it's possible Congress will pass a bill aimed at slowing global warming before international talks on a deal to limit climate change in Copenhagen in December.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, the California Democrat who is co-sponsoring the bill, said she is pushing for approval of the legislation with specific targets to limit greenhouse gases, adding that the Obama administration "is very strong on this."

She said congressional approval of the bill is possible before nations meet in Copenhagen, Denmark, in early December to try to agree on a new global climate treaty. But she said if the bill isn't approved by then it doesn't mean the U.S. isn't making progress in tackling global warming.

Boxer and Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, are co-sponsoring the 800-page Senate bill which calls for a ceiling on greenhouse gas emissions beginning in three years, to be tightened annually so that emissions would be 20 percent lower in 2020 than they were in 2005. It would require emissions to be 83 percent lower by 2050.

WORLD BRIEFS

Report: North Korea fires 5 short-range missiles

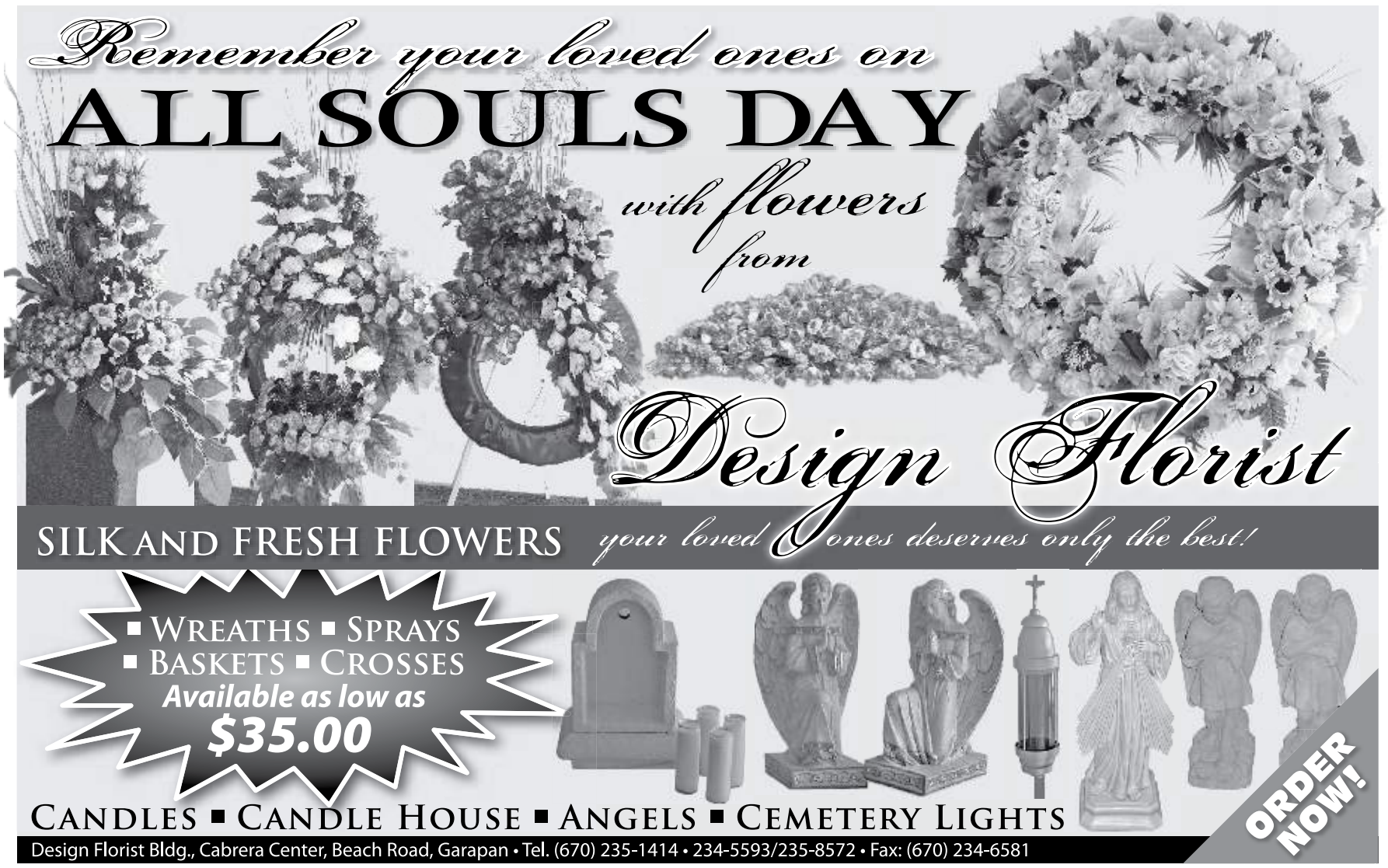
SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea fired five short-range missiles off its east coast on Monday, news reports said, even as South Korea proposed working-level talks with its communist neighbor. South Korea's Yonhap news agency, citing an unidentified South Korean government official, said the North test-fired two short-range missiles on Monday morning and three others on Monday afternoon from mobile launch pads. Yonhap said the missiles were surface-to-surface KN-02 rockets with a range of up to 75 miles (120 kilometers).

Pakistan says 41 killed in market bombing

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—A suicide car bombing targeting Pakistani troops killed 41 people Monday, the fourth grisly militant attack in just over a week, as the Taliban pledged to mobilize fighters across the country for more strikes. The Taliban also claimed responsibility for the 22-hour weekend attack on the nation's heavily fortified army headquarters, saying a cell from Pakistan's most populous province carried out the raid. The claim that a Punjabi faction of the Pakistani Taliban was behind that strike is a sign the insurgents have forged links with militants outside their main strongholds in Pashtun areas close to the Afghan border, increasing their potency.

Interpol seeks visa-free travel for its cops

SINGAPORE (AP)—The global police organization Interpol began issuing special passports Tuesday to its senior investigators, aimed at allowing them to enter any of the group's 188 member countries without visas. Pakistan and Ukraine become the first countries to accept the new documents and three more will follow soon, Interpol Secretary-General Ronald K. Noble said during the organization's general assembly here. He said he is sure the remaining member countries will also honor these passports. "We don't come to a country unless we are asked to go. If we are asked to go in an emergency, you want us to go as fast as possible," he told The Associated Press.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Campus Life

College dreams deferred, displaced

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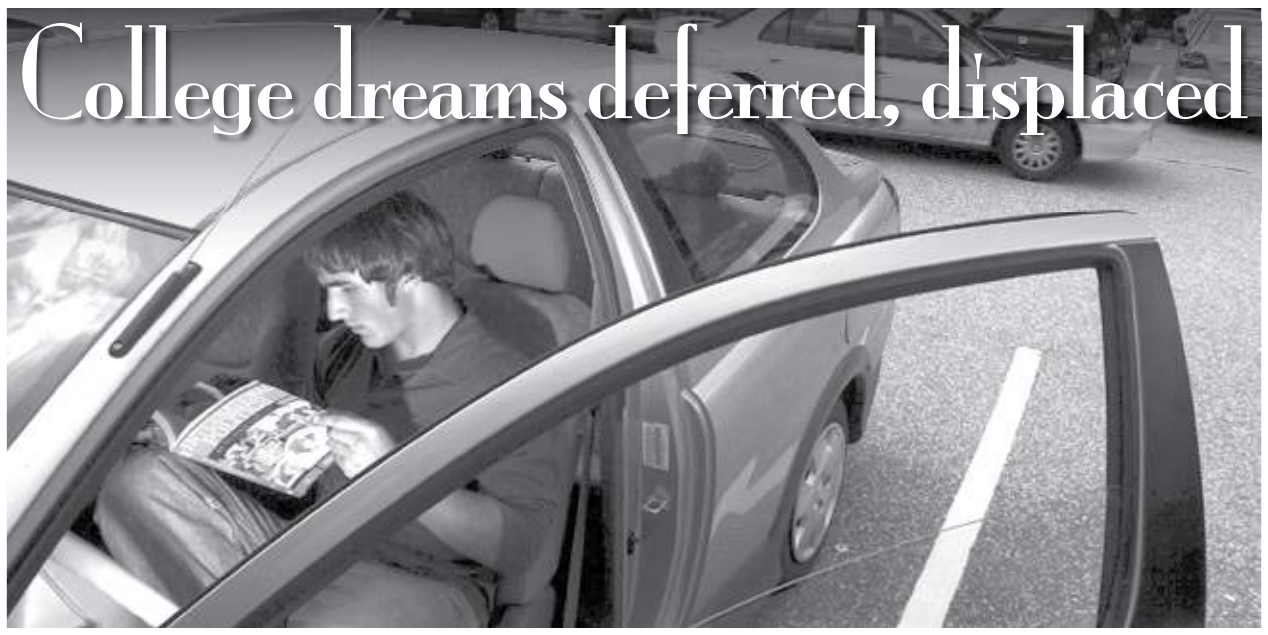

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Ben Telep, who had to change his college plans after his mother lost her job, had intended to attend Connecticut College but got into the University of Connecticut to take a few classes before he formally applies to the university. He takes his lunch between classes in a campus commuter lot. He calls his car his dorm. Illustrates

In his economics class recently, Ben Telep came across a term that he quickly saw had a personal and somewhat painful application: opportunity cost.

When he graduated from high school in 2008, Telep was offered almost $25,000 in a scholarship to Connecticut College, his dream school. But he decided to defer his arrival on campus for a year to go to Peru on a Rotary Club program.

Although Peru was exhilarating—an experience he says he will never regret—when he returned to Connecticut last summer, the tidal wave of economic problems in the past year had taken its toll on his family's income. His mother, Andrea, was laid off in June from her part-time job as a music teacher. Her other part-time job as a church organist looked uncertain.

At the same time, Connecticut College had reduced his aid to $20,500; the total cost for room, board, tuition and expenses this year is about $53,000. Telep, of East Hampton, Conn., went to Connecticut College with his father, David, a high school teacher, in midsummer to explain his new circumstances. By then, he said, the college's resources had been largely distributed and they could offer him only $1,000 more.

Suddenly, Telep said, the financial numbers didn't work anymore without him having to take huge loans.

"Now we are talking about opportunity costs in my class," said Telep, 19.

His "amazing experience" in Peru was definitely worth it, Telep said, but delaying college for a year did have a much bigger cost than he expected.

Like many college students across the country in the past year whose family incomes were reduced in the bad economy, Ben was sent scrambling when he realized he would have to find a more affordable college.

In August, Telep decided to enroll in the University of Connecticut's continuing education program, living at home and paying $4,000 this semester. Now a non-degree student, he is applying to matriculate in January and become an undergraduate.

At UConn, Deborah Rice, associate director of undergraduate transfer admissions, said the applications for transfer were up by 9.6 percent this year.

Indeed, applications were up at Connecticut's university and community-college system and nationwide in public colleges and universities, a development that many link to the economy.

Elizabeth Carmona of Bridgeport, Conn., is another student who, like Telep, changed her college plans over the summer. Last year, she went to Wheelock College as a freshman. It's a private college in Boston, which she said is "the Harvard" for those interested in early-childhood education, as she is.

But with the economy, her father's work in the limousine business slacked off last year, leaving her with a debt of $9,000 to the college. The college costs about $20,000 a semester.

By early summer, she realized she couldn't afford to return to Wheelock. She decided in late July to go to Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, where she'll pay $1,400 for a semester.

"I miss being in the city. I miss the classes I had at Wheelock," Carmona said. "I miss college life. ... I lived in a dorm room. ... Living at home feels like high school, but it's not high school.

"It's not hard. It's just different."

Kelsey DeBlois of Southington, Conn., also had plans that were derailed for financial reasons. She had placed a deposit of about $500 on Western New England College in Springfield, Mass.—where she hoped to study pharmacy—when she got the news: The college wasn't going to give her as much of a scholarship as she'd hoped for.

By the time she realized all this—early summer—it was too late to apply to the state university system. So she applied to Tunxis Community College in Farmington, Conn., where she now is enrolled.

For many students—Telep, Carmona and DeBlois among them—the last-minute change in plans meant, in general, not getting their first-choice classes.

All are missing key classes they had hoped to take. Often the only classes available were scheduled at inconvenient times.

Telep was thrilled when he was admitted to the university's concert choir, but then he learned it conflicted with his economics class. And, he says, there was not another class he could take, so he had to drop the choir, although he hopes to rejoin soon.

When he gazes around UConn these days, at the metropolis of a campus teeming with students, Telep sometimes reflects on the smaller, more peaceful Connecticut College campus. "I loved the location, the feel of the campus," Telep said.

He doesn't doubt that soon he'll like UConn. But, for now, he's getting adjusted, and seeking new opportunities.

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Life & Style

Chicago auction house all shook up over Elvis hair

CHICAGO (AP)—The King may be dead, but that doesn't mean it's too late to run your fingers through his hair. Elvis Presley's hair, at least a clump of hair that Presley may have lost to an Army barber when he went into the service back in 1958, is going on the auction block this Sunday at Leslie Hindman Auctioneers in Chicago.

The hair is part of a collection of more than 200 items that belonged to or are associated with Presley. There are clothes he wore, scarves he threw to screaming fans—who judging by the yellow sweat stains, never washed them—and Christmas cards he sent. And there are lots of records, some he kept in his own juke box, and other sorts of memorabilia ranging from Elvis dolls to Elvis wrist watches to Elvis Pez dispensers.

All the items belonged to Gary Pepper. No Hound Dog, Pepper was not only a huge Presley fan and president of a Presley fan club, but a close friend, as many of the photographs of the two together suggest.

Pepper, who had cerebral palsy, died in 1980, three years after Presley, and left his collection to his nurse, and that is who is putting the items up for auction, said Mary Williams, of the auction house.

AP

A clump of Elvis Presley's hair, given to Gary Pepper as president of the Tankers Fan Club to give to Elvis fans, is one of over 200 items in The Gary Pepper Collection of Elvis Presley Memorabilia at Leslie Hindman Auctioneers, Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, in Chicago.

But it is clearly the hair that has generated the most buzz.

Like a lot of the items in Pepper's collection, the hair was a gift from Presley to Pepper, who in turn sent a strand or two to appreciative Presley fans from time to time but didn't come close to exhausting his supply.

She said Pepper died without telling anyone exactly where the hair came from or when it was cut, but she said it appears that it was clipped during Presley's stint in the Army or around that time.

Williams did acknowledge that there has never been a DNA test done on the hair. But, she said, the auction house did take it to "somewhat of a hair authenticator" who compared it to his own sample of Presley's hair and concluded it was the real deal.

"I'm very careful with the hair I authenticate," said John Reznikoff. A Connecticut collector of such mundane items as stamps and documents, Reznikoff also has samples of hair that once sat atop some of the most famous heads in history, from George Washington to Abraham Lincoln, Napoleon, Albert Einstein and Marilyn Monroe. He even says he has some of Michael Jackson's hair that was famously singed during the filming of a Pepsi commercial in 1984.

"I have a high resolution scan and I took mine (Presley hair sample) out and the coarseness and color of it, they all match," he said.

"I did say short of a DNA test proving otherwise," he explained.

Lenny Bruce memorabilia headed to auction block

LOS ANGELES (AP)—If he'd had a Lenny's House to go to, Lenny Bruce's daughter says, her father might have lived to celebrate his 84th birthday on Tuesday.

But there wasn't one, and the groundbreaking comedian who pushed free speech boundaries to the limits with his obscenity-laden routines on such taboo subjects in the early 1960s as sex, race and politics, died of a drug overdose 44 years ago.

In the time since, Kitty Bruce has hauled trunks full of old photos, stage props and other items from one end of the country to the other, keeping alive as many memories as she could of the father she lost at age 11.

Now she's looking to create a permanent memorial to her father in the form of Lenny's House, a recovery home for women returning to society after treatment for drug and alcohol addiction. To raise the needed funds, she's auctioning some of her keepsakes, as well as items contributed by other celebrities.

"There is some very cool stuff here," says Bruce, adding one of her father's trademark trench coats is going up for sale, along with a picture of him giving the finger outside a Chicago nightclub where he was arrested. Another photo shows him happily setting fire to critics' reviews calling him sick and unfunny.

Online bidding is scheduled to open Tuesday on toddmuellerautographs.com. It will conclude Oct. 28, the same day Richard Lewis is to headline a fundraising benefit at the Laugh Factory in Hollywood.

Bruce isn't sure how much money she'll raise but she's hoping it will be enough to let her pick out a small home in northeastern Pennsylvania. She's lived there quietly for 22 years, since leaving behind the Hollywood fast life that consumed her father and threatened for a time to do the same to her.

After her husband died in 2002, Bruce says, she began looking for something to add more meaning to her life. She established a nonprofit Lenny Bruce Foundation and set about to create Lenny's House.

"I think he'd be totally behind this, I really do," she says of her father. "Even though he wasn't one of those people to get behind any kind of cause.

"But he'd get behind this," she added with a laugh, "because I'm his daughter."

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FINAL NOTICE ON BOND CLAIMS
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October 14, 2009, first notice
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COMPLAINANTS WHOSE ADMINISTRATIVE AWARDS HAVE NOT BEEN PAID:

Any complainant who was awarded money damages in a labor case or a consolidated agency case who has not been paid in full and **who has not previously registered** a bond claim with the Labor Department or **who does not have a court case pending** on a bond claim should register with the Labor Department. Please come to the Complaint Intake Section, Department of Labor, and fill out a declaration affirming that payment has not been made. Please bring a copy of the administrative order in your case and your entry permit card. A complainant who has not been paid has **until October 30, 2009** to report to the Complaint Intake Section.

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If you have questions about registering a bond claim, please call Renita Camacho, who is in charge of the Complaint Intake Office, at: 236-0958/7/6.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) will hold a public hearing Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 12:00pm noon at Sugar Dock, regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SSm-2009-X-070 submitted by Department of Public Works to construct four (4) concrete pavilions in Chalan Kanoa Beach Park / Sugar Dock, Saipan.

The public is encouraged to attend the hearing and make comments regarding the proposed project. The project file is open for review 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday – Friday, at the CRM Office. Written comments may be submitted directly to the CRM Office located on the 2nd floor of the Morgen Building in Oleai, mailed to Coastal Resources Management Office, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, or faxed to 664-8315. All written and oral comments received prior to and at the hearing will be added to the permit application record, and will be considered in any final decision made concerning the proposed project.

Please contact Coastal Resources Management Office at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or require further information regarding this public hearing.

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Director
Coastal Resources Management Office

Gorgeous 'Wild Things' roars to the screen

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Where the Wild Things Are," the book, is just 339 words long. But in turning it into "Where the Wild Things Are," the movie, director Spike Jonze has expanded the basic story with a breathtaking visual scheme and stirring emotional impact.

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In this film publicity image released by Warner Bros. Pictures, Max Records, portraying Max, right, is shown with the character Carol, voiced by James Gandolfini in "Where the Wild Things Are."

It's a gorgeous film: This may sound contradictory, but it's intricate and rough-hewn at the same time, dreamlike and earthy. What keeps it from reaching complete excellence is the thinness of the script, which Jonze co-wrote with Dave Eggers.

The beloved and award-winning children's book, which Maurice Sendak wrote and illustrated 45 years ago, still holds up beautifully today because it shows keen insight into the conflicted nature of kids—the delight and the frustration that can often co-exist simultaneously.

Jonze gets that, too. There's always been an inventiveness to his films, a childlike playfulness even amid some of the darker material within "Being John Malkovich" and "Adaptation." With its warm lighting and detailed production design, "Where the Wild Things Are" remains lovingly faithful to the look and spirit of the book but functions assuredly as its own entity.

But Jonze obviously understands the feelings of fear and insecurity—and the inability to articulate them—that the wild things of "Wild Things" represent, and he's taken the bold step of showing the creatures not through animation but rather by using actual people in giant, furry costumes. The monsters were voiced by an all-star cast and enhanced through digital effects to make the facial features seem more lifelike.

And because talented character actors like James Gandolfini, Forest Whitaker, Catherine O'Hara and Paul Dano had the benefit of voicing their roles on the same stage at the same time—rather than recording their parts independently of each other, which is standard practice—their interplay feels more organic.

At their center is Max, played by 12-year-old Max Records, a lonely, misunderstood kid who runs off one day to the magical land where the wild things are and becomes their king. Records is no self-conscious, precocious child actor: He makes Max feel real and relatable, full of joy and rage like any little boy. (Catherine Keener has some lovely, subtle moments at the film's start as Max's struggling single mom, who inadvertently neglects him when he needs attention the most.)

Because so much is right about the look and feel of "Where the Wild Things Are," you wish there were more to the screenplay. Despite many individual moments of great energy, the overall narrative momentum is seriously lacking, and you walk out of the film realizing that not a whole lot happens. There's the wild rumpus, of course—lots of running and jumping through the forest, leaping and wrestling and collapsing in a giddy, exhausted heap. (The indie-rock score from Karen O of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs and Carter Burwell adds to the film's sense of melancholy.)

Mainly, though, the wild things (who have names like Carol, Judith, Douglas and Ira) bicker among themselves about whether to make Max their king, and the best way to build a fort. Many amusing lines do emerge, though—and perhaps a potentially frightening moment or two for little kids.

"Where the Wild Things Are" is certainly as suitable for children as the book that inspired it, but it'll probably roar even more loudly to adults in the audience who aren't ashamed to get a little nostalgic about their own childhoods.

"Where the Wild Things Are," a Warner Bros. Pictures release, is rated PG for mild thematic elements, some adventure action and brief language. Running time: 101 minutes. Three stars out of four.

Defendants in Anna Nicole Smith case face hearing

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two doctors and the lawyer-boyfriend of Anna Nicole Smith are due in court to hear what government witnesses have to say about their alleged roles in supplying drugs that killed the celebrity model.

A preliminary hearing for Howard K. Stern, Dr. Sandeep Kapoor and Dr. Khristine Eroshevich is scheduled Tuesday before a judge who will decide whether there is sufficient evidence to order them to stand trial.

All three have pleaded not guilty to conspiring to illegally provide Smith with controlled substances. The hearing is expected to take two weeks with a parade of witnesses including attorney general investigators, pharmacists, acquaintances of Smith and experts on the interaction of various drugs.

Attorney Adam Braun, who represents Eroshevich, said the evidence disclosed at the hearing may be surprising, but the outcome of the proceeding before Superior Court Judge Robert Perry is predictable.

"Preliminary hearings represent the lowest possible hurdle for a prosecutor to clear and are virtually impossible for a prosecutor to lose," he said. "If the prosecutors in this case somehow can't make it past the preliminary hearing, they should be laid off."

Braun said he was unlikely to call any witnesses of his own.

"Given the general futility of the exercise, Dr. Eroshevich will listen intently to the prosecutors' allegations and reserve her defense for maximum surprise at trial," he said.

The case will start with testimony from state attorney general investigators who probed the case for more than two years before a decision was made to bring charges.

Steve Sadow, the Atlanta attorney representing Stern, said he had not yet decided whether to call defense witnesses but would try to make his case through aggressive cross-examination. He expects some colorful witnesses, including the investigators.

Ellyn Garafalo, who represents Kapoor, said it was unlikely she would call defense witnesses at this stage of the case. But she said it was too early to discuss strategy.

District attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons declined comment.

Smith died of a drug overdose on Feb. 8, 2007, in a Florida hotel room. Prosecutors call Stern an aider and abettor of the two doctors and allege that he obtained prescriptions for Smith under false names.

Search warrant affidavits suggest Stern put his name on prescriptions for opiates that were given to Smith, and claim 44 different medications were prescribed for Smith under a number of other names, including Stern's.

Stern is named in all 11 counts of the complaint. The doctors each face six counts, including conspiracy, and if convicted could be sentenced to as much as five years, eight months in prison. It was not clear what sentence Stern might face if convicted.

Sadow has said outside court that his client should not be blamed for Smith's death because Stern was relying on the doctors to treat the former model, whom he said was recovering from an illness at the time of her death.

Smith's death was a cause celebre as was her life. Last week, The Associated Press reported exclusively on newly released files that showed the FBI investigated a never-substantiated report that Smith plotted to kill her tycoon husband's son as they battled for his father's fortune.

Smith's FBI records say the agency investigated Smith in 2000 and 2001 in a murder-for-hire plot targeting E. Pierce Marshall, who was at the center of a long legal fight to keep the starlet, model and one-time stripper from collecting his father's oil wealth, valued in the hundreds of millions of dollars. The younger Marshall died three years ago of natural causes.

Smith was 26 when she wed the 89-year-old J. Howard Marshall II, owner of Great Northern Oil Co. They met while she was a topless dancer at a Texas strip club.

The battle over the money remains unresolved with Stern, Smith's mother, and another boyfriend all fighting over an estate that ultimately may go to Smith's daughter, now 3.

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The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for **Survey, Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the PSS Lower Base Facility in Saipan.** The Scope of Work will be available beginning September 30, 2009 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI.

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Anka gets credit for co-writing Jackson single

LOS ANGELES (AP)—With a familiar high-pitched voice counting off one-two-three-four, a new Michael Jackson single debuted online Monday, prompting a hasty response from the singer's estate after Paul Anka revealed he was the song's co-writer.

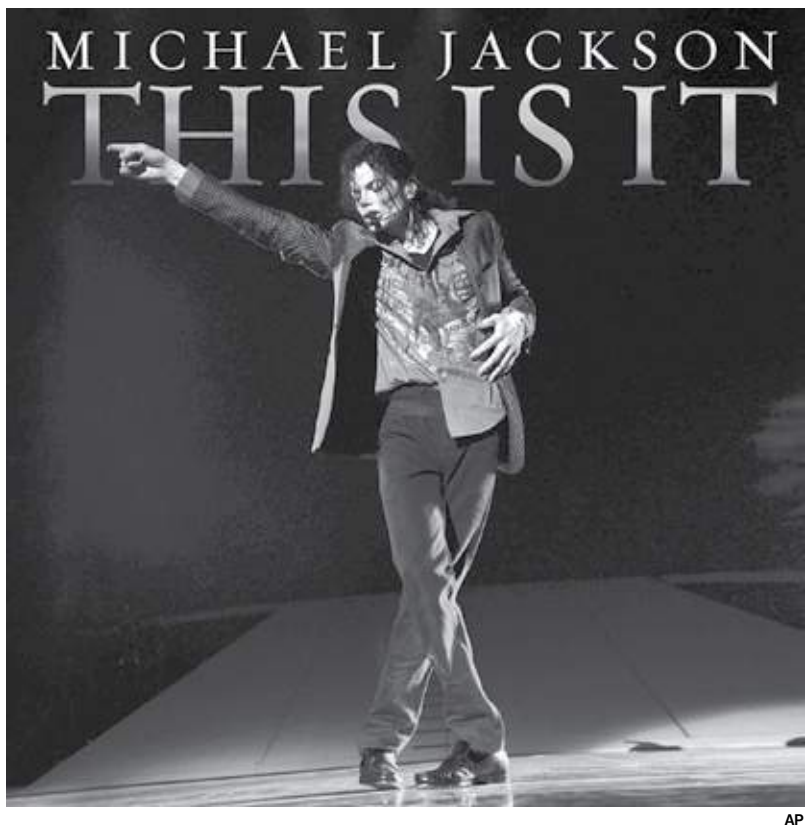
"This Is It" is featured on the soundtrack to the upcoming documentary featuring the late superstar, but its genesis was actually in 1983 when it was written for a duets album Anka was recording.

The song was titled "I Never Heard," and Jackson and Anka are credited as co-authors on an early 1990s version recorded by the singer Sa-Fire.

Anka said Jackson's estate moved quickly to give him credit, promising Anka 50 percent of the song's profits.

"They did the right thing," Anka said. "I don't think that anybody tried to do the wrong thing. It was an honest mistake."

The string-backed ballad was released on the singer's official Web site and sent to radio stations. It gives advance publicity to the documentary, culled from footage of Jackson rehearsing for the concerts that he never got a chance to do.



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In this CD cover image released by Sony Music, "This is it," by Michael Jackson, is shown.

Representatives of Jackson's estate acknowledged Anka's work in a prepared statement. Until Anka stepped forward, the song's history was a mystery.

"The song was picked because the lyrics were appropriate because of the name Michael gave his tour," the statement read. "We are thrilled to present this song in Michael's voice for the first time, and that Michael's fans have responded in unprecedented numbers."

Anka, 68, initially contemplated legal action after being informed Monday by outlets such as the New York Times and TMZ of the similarities between "This Is It" and the Sa-Fire version. But later in the day, he said he was satisfied with how the situation was handled.

"There's nothing but honorable people here," said Anka, a former teen idol from the 1950s and '60s who sang "Put Your Head on My Shoulder" and wrote "She's A Lady", one of Tom Jones' biggest hits.

Sony Music Entertainment had said it wasn't sure when Jackson recorded the song but speculated it could have been around the time Jackson's "Off the Wall" album was done 30 years ago.

Close—Anka said it was recorded right around the time Jackson's "Thriller" album was becoming a smash hit.

"This Is It" was apparently found in a box of tapes with only Jackson's voice and a piano accompaniment.

Strings were added to the bare-bones recording, along with backing vocals from Jackson's brothers. Other touches included finger-click percussion that echoes Jackson's recording of "The Girl Is Mine."

The preparation of "This Is It" is eerily similar to how the surviving Beatles took outtakes from John Lennon following his murder and added their voices and instruments to craft the "Real Love" and "Free As a Bird" songs released as part of the "Anthology" project in 1996.

"This is it," Jackson sings to open the song. "Here I stand. I'm the light of the world. I feel grand."

Sony says it was a coincidence that his upcoming concert series was also titled "This Is It"; the company has no evidence that Jackson himself had planned to release the song.

Posthumous releases follow a long-standing pattern in popular music dating back to Elvis Presley's death in 1977.

Presley's records have continued selling since then, with new greatest hit compilations and live concert releases finding huge new audiences. His estate still receives tens of millions of dollars each year from CD sales and other enterprises, and in 2002 he even topped the UK charts with a remixed version of an older song.

The same was true, to a lesser extent, after the deaths of rock icons such as Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison and Janis Joplin. A number of Lennon solo albums were also released in the years following his shooting death in 1980.

New Michael Jackson single debuts online

LONDON (AP)—Michael Jackson returned to the airwaves Monday with a new song—the first from an upcoming musical documentary featuring the troubled superstar.

It is the first new material by Jackson to be released since his sudden death in Los Angeles on June 25.

AP

This is a Thursday, March 5, 2009 file photo of US singer Michael Jackson as he announced that he is set to play 10 live concerts at the London O2 Arena in July.

Jackson sounded confident andalmost playful on "This Is It," which features his trademark breathy vocal style, perfected over the years since he was a child sensation with the Jackson Five. He is backed by lush vocals from his brothers, giving the recording a nostalgic, familiar feel.

The mid-tempo song with orchestral backing is played during the closing sequences of the documentary of the same name, which opens worldwide Oct. 28 for a limited two-week run. It features rehearsal footage shot shortly before Jackson's death.

"This Is It," goes one verse on the new song. "Here I stand. The light of the world. I feel grand."

The song is available on Jackson's official Web site and was being sent to radio stations. It will also be part of the two-disc CD set that will accompany the movie in a worldwide marketing blitz expected to capitalize on the surge of emotion that followed the singer's death.

The posthumous release of "This Is It" and the forthcoming album follows a long-standing pattern in the popular music world dating back to Elvis Presley's early death in 1977.

Presley's records have continued selling since that date, with new greatest hit compilations and live concert releases finding huge new audiences. His estate still receives tens of millions of dollars each year from CD sales and other enterprises, and in 2002 he even topped the UK charts with a remixed version of an older song.

The same was true, to a lesser extent, after the deaths of rock icons like Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison and Janis Joplin. A number of John Lennon solo albums were also released in the years following his shooting death in 1980.

Some artists have scored major hits after their deaths. For example, "Time in a Bottle" was the No. 1 hit in early 1974, months after Jim Croce died. Otis Redding's biggest hit, "The Dock of the Bay," was released after his death in a plane crash in December 1967. "Me and Bobby McGee" made the charts in 1971, a year after Janis Joplin died.

Jackson, one of the most commercially successful artists of all time, is expected to sell millions of albums in the coming years. His death already brought some of his classic records back to the top of the charts.

The new Jackson documentary shows the singer rehearsing for his planned 2009 London concerts, which were to mark his return to the stage after a lengthy absence caused in part by legal and personal problems. At the time, Jackson was deeply in debt and his popularity was dimmed by repeated charges of child molestation.

Jackson's death at age 50 is still being investigated.

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The Central Executive Committee of the NMI Democratic Party is inviting the public to participate in the grand opening of Democratic Headquarters in San Jose this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The new office will be open from 5pm to 7pm each day for a happy hour pocket meeting with candidates Angelo O'Connor Villagomez and Jesse Jones Torres. "The Democrats are making a comeback," said Torres, who is running for a House of Representatives seat in Precinct 5. "This is only the beginning. Change has come to the Marianas." The suggested donation is $5.00 and comes with two drinks.

What: Democratic Headquarter Grand Opening
When: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Where: Office on Beach Road in San Jose just south of Marianas Printing

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Lauren Graham stepping into NBC's 'Parenthood'

NEW YORK (AP)—NBC Universal is confirming that Lauren Graham has joined the cast of NBC's upcoming series "Parenthood."

Graham, best known from the longrunning "Gilmore Girls," steps into the "Parenthood" ensemble as a replacement for Maura Tierney (MOHR'-uh TEER'-nee). Tierney was forced to drop out of the series this summer after being diagnosed with breast cancer, for which she continues to get treatment.

Originally slotted for a fall premiere, "Parenthood" is now set to debut in early 2010. NBC said Monday that production begins in mid-November.

Also starring Craig T. Nelson, Bonnie Bedelia and Mae Whitman, the series is based on the 1989 movie that starred Steve Martin.

Newark mayor to settle feud on 'Tonight Show'

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—Goodbye YouTube, hello "Tonight Show."

Newark Mayor Cory Booker, who has garnered national attention for his passionate defense of New Jersey's largest city, is taking his act to the "Tonight Show." Host Conan O'Brien has been engaged in a playful feud with Booker since Sept. 23 and scheduled the 40-year-old mayor as a guest on his show Friday.

The exchange began last month when O'Brien poked fun at Booker's new health care plan for gritty Newark—long an icon for urban decay—saying it consisted of a bus ticket out of town. Booker fought back with a humorous response on YouTube in which he "banned" the 46-year-old redhead from Newark Liberty International Airport.

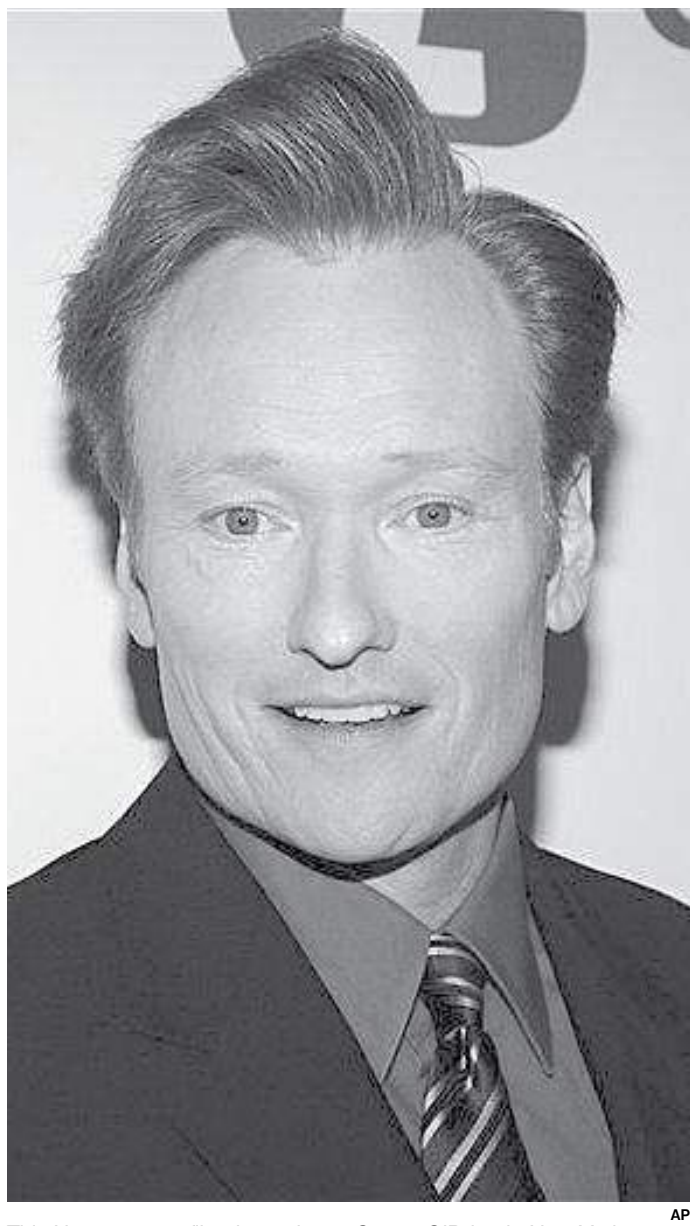
The back-and-forth continued until Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, the nation's top diplomat, playfully broke up the spat Oct. 8.

"I look forward to our summit," O'Brien said in a statement. "My apologies for bumping Brad Pitt."

Political experts have lauded Booker's use of new media such as YouTube, where his response to O'Brien has been viewed more than 176,000 times, and Twitter, where he has 826,000 followers.

The "Tonight Show" averages about 2.6 million viewers.

"This kind of exposure is extremely rare for someone that's not a senator, governor or presidential candidate," said Joe Trippi, a political consultant who managed Democrat Howard Dean's Internet-driven presidential campaign in 2004. "This shows how savvy Cory Booker is about new media and how it can be used to leverage mainstream and old media."



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This Nov. 7, 2007 file photo shows Conan O'Brien in New York.

Booker succeeded in reducing shootings and homicides in his first term as Newark mayor, which began in July 2006. But the city's unemployment rate was 14.7 percent in August.

Booker said Newark has been the brunt of unfair jokes and criticism for too long.

"We're making progress in Newark on problems that impact cities everywhere," he said.

Steve Adubato, a political power broker in Newark who allied himself with Booker this year after a lengthy rivalry, said the young mayor gives residents hope and makes them feel like they matter in a community long overshadowed by nearby New York City. For the first time in 40 years, people are not ashamed to wear a Newark T-shirt, he said.

Booker's predecessor, Sharpe James, is in prison for his role in the cut-rate sale of city land to a former mistress. James' two predecessors also have been in trouble with the law.

"It's a big thing for us to have some pride like this," Adubato said.

Tom Hanks hasn't forgotten Ohio theater roots

AP

In this April 27, 2009 file photo, Tom Hanks attends The Film Society of Lincoln Center gala tribute to honoring him at Alice Tully Hall in New York.

CLEVELAND (AP)—Tom Hanks says he still has fond memories of his first acting job, which kept him working into the early morning changing sets on a high school stage.

Hanks was in Cleveland on Monday to raise money for a new home for the Ohio theater troupe that gave him that early break.

The Oscar winner's first performances were with the Great Lakes Theater Festival in 1977 at Lakewood High School.

He told WVIZ, a local PBS affiliate, that he remembers not having any money and going to the theater to help change sets for the next day's show.

Hanks says it was in Cleveland that he started his hobby of collecting old manual typewriters after a repair shop owner refused to fix his plastic portable machine.

That's when he bought a Swiss-made typewriter that now sells for $695.

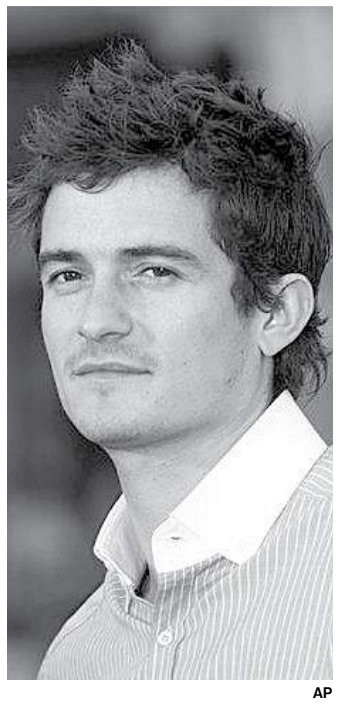
Orlando Bloom named UNICEF's goodwill ambassador

NEW YORK (AP)—UNICEF has named Orlando Bloom its goodwill ambassador in recognition of his commitment to children's rights around the world.

Bloom, best known for his roles in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Lord of the Rings" films, has supported UNICEF's work since 2007, when he first visited schools in impoverished districts of Nepal.

UNICEF said Monday that as its ambassador, Bloom plans to focus on raising awareness of the global organization and advocating for needy children worldwide.

Past ambassadors include Audrey Hepburn, Roger Moore, David Beckham and Vanessa Redgrave.



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In this May 19, 2007 file photo, Orlando Bloom arrives at the premiere for "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" in Anaheim, Calif.

Megan Fox, Hugh Jackman to appear at 'Scream 2009'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Megan Fox, Hugh Jackman, Tobey Maguire and Quentin Taratino will celebrate the creepy and otherworldly at "Scream 2009."

All are set to appear on the Spike TV special, which will be taped Saturday at the Greek Theater and air Oct. 27, the network announced Monday.

Liv Tyler, Sam Raimi, Elijah Wood and comic-book legend Stan Lee will also take part in the fourth annual event honoring sci-fi, fantasy and horror work in TV and film.

Fans can vote for their favorites online.

Vampires will have a heavy presence at this year's event, as the cast of HBO's "True Blood" is expected and "Twilight" star Taylor Lautner is set to show footage from the forthcoming film "New Moon."

Teen in despair pleads for help and guidance

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old girl who is losing the will to live. I am bisexual, but my parents are very anti-gay/lesbian, so I can't tell them about my sexual orientation.

Every day I engage in self-injury using a metal chain, and I think about suicide a lot. Please help me.

HURTING IN ORLANDO, FLA.

DEAR HURTING: As you already know, your sexual orientation isn't something you chose. It is something you were born with, and your parents' disapproval—as intimidating as it may be—isn't going to change it. What you are experiencing is not uncommon in young people who have discovered they are "different." But there is help, not only for you but also for your parents.

The first thing you should do is contact The Trevor Helpline. It is a nationwide, 24-hour helpline for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning young people. A counselor there can help you sort out your feelings and figure out some options. You can find out more about it by going to www.thetrevorproject.org. The toll-free number is (866) 488-7386.

Another terrific resource is PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). PFLAG was established in the 1980s and offers specific advice on how to deal with your parents. You will find its Web site at www.pflag.org.

Both of these organizations provide the support you need, so please don't wait to contact them.

DEAR ABBY: My heart is broken. My 18-year-old son, "Joey," has just put his name on someone else's child's birth certificate. He met the girl in high school. She was already pregnant. Joey has been out of school since May. He has no job, no money and no car.

Joey promised her family he will "take care of her." They were only too happy to hear it because the real father wants nothing to do with her or the baby. Her parents have made my son feel like a hero, and he enjoys it.

I did everything in my power to talk him out of it. Nothing worked. I can't believe that the girl's family is encouraging him. Joey is not a man, even if he is 18. Where are their values?

HEARTBROKEN MOM IN MESA, ARIZ.

DEAR MOM: Your son may feel like a hero, but apparently he was not thinking rationally when he put his name on that birth certificate, because what he did was fraud. The father of that baby should be listed as the father, and he is the one who should be financially responsible until the child reaches adulthood. If Joey wants to lend emotional support, more power to him. But I'm advising you to consult an attorney to see if this mess can be unraveled before he gets in any deeper.

DEAR ABBY: I am 22 years old and stuck in a long-term relationship. My boyfriend has taken care of me since my mother died last year. She was my only family, so without my boyfriend I'd be alone.

My problem is, I am no longer attracted to him. I don't want to hurt his feelings because of everything he has helped me through, but is a relationship worth staying in if you don't feel the "connection" anymore?

ALONE IN THE SOUTH

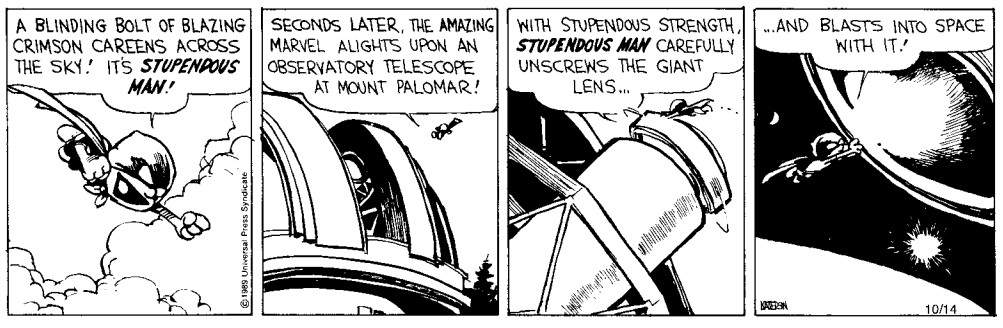
DEAR ALONE: No, it's not, and it's also not fair to your boyfriend. Sooner or later you will have to level with him and tell him that, while you're deeply grateful for his support during this difficult time, you have come to regard him as more of a brother than a lover, and while you'll always care for him, the romance is over.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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I WONDER WHAT MY WALLET SMELLS LIKE
A SWEATY BACK POCKET
AND SCIENTIFIC CURIOSITY IS SATED ONCE AGAIN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
JIM DAVIS 10-14
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By Bryan Basset

I'M LEAVING FOR CLAYTON'S PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE!
DO YOU WANT THE EARPLUGS I BOUGHT AT THE JONAS BROTHERS CONCERT?
NOPE. I'M GONNA LISTEN CLOSELY AND THEN BLAME YOU FOR EVERYTHING.
WEAR THAT EYEPATCH! NO FEAR, NO RESPECT!
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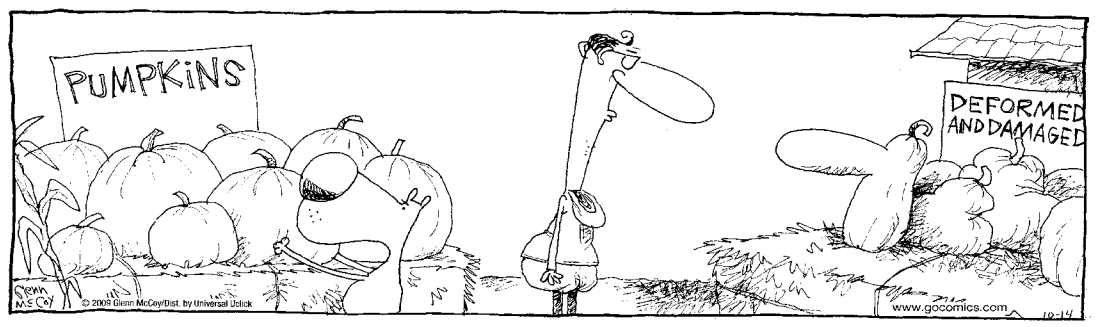
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Long story
5 Wander about
8 Unembellished
12 Winged
13 Bruins legend
14 Skater's leap
15 "Melancholy Baby" start
17 Wound cover
18 Wailed like a banshee
19 Safe and sound
21 Moreover
22 Sailor's septet
23 Pussycat's partner
26 Bill
28 Treat for Tabby
31 Coral structure
33 Addressee
35 BBs and such
36 Part of a Santa costume
38 PC program, for short
40 Eternity
41 Tidy
43 Jewel
45 "Friends" role
47 Shriveled grape
51 Settle down
52 "Dunno"
54 Ticklish Muppet
55 Young fellow
56 Tears
57 Consider
58 Exist
59 Brewer's oven

DOWN
1 Bag
2 Burn aid
3 Ready for action
4 Sports venue
5 Paul Harvey signoff
6 Branch
7 Frock
8 Lash enhancement
9 "Oops"
10 Bring up
11 North Sea feeder
16 Mobile home?
20 Common Mkt.
23 Sphere
24 Teensy
25 Bill Withers' biggest hit
27 Slithery squeezer
29 Latin 101 word
30 Calendar abbr.
32 License
34 Better model
37 Apply lightly
39 Bartlett or Bosc
42 Electrical coil inventor
44 Itty-bitty
45 Begged
46 "Gilligan's Island" cast member
48 Actor LaBeouf
49 Mischievous tykes
50 Egg container
53 Corn spike

Solution time: 21 mins.

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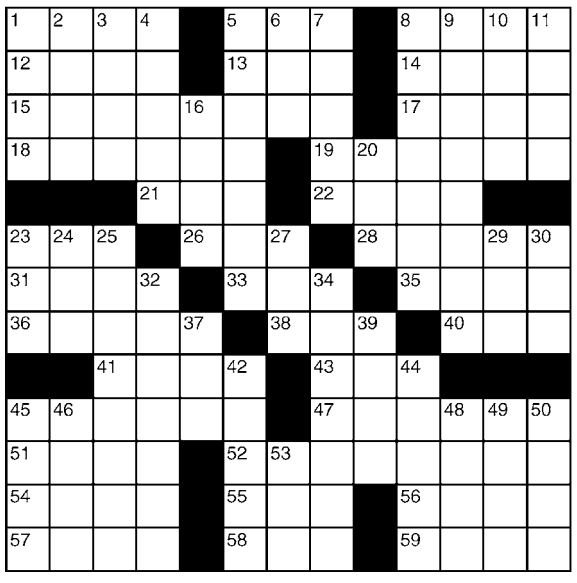

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Stacy Keibler, 30; Usher, 30; Natalie Maines, 35; Sir Cliff Richard, 69

Happy Birthday: You can open up new opportunities through the people you meet and by taking on tasks you may not have been able to do in the past. Challenge will bring out your best qualities as well as help you realize your true potential. Your selfless acts will bring great returns. Let your intuition guide you. Your numbers are 6, 13, 22, 29, 32, 37, 49

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): There will be no room for error. Staying focused is imperative if you want to maintain control. Dealing with financial, medical or legal matters must be done with precision. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): It's time to add a little fun to your daily routine. Don't hesitate to be a little adventuresome and make a physical change to your appearance. The way you present yourself can alter the types of people you attract. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Your quick wit and versatile mind will be required if you want to avoid a sticky situation brought on by a partner who isn't too keen on doing things your way. Don't let things get blown out of proportion. Give a little now so you can get your way later. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Your nononsense attitude will draw the attention of those needing help. It will be well worth your time and effort and can lead to a service you can offer others as well. Correspondence will lead to an unusual proposal. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22)*: Don't take time off when there is so much to do. Set up meetings or put an idea together that you can implement to make extra cash. Don't be afraid to make a move that has the potential to lead to a higher position or lower your overhead. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): There is a light at the end of the tunnel even if you do feel a little stretched at the moment. Consider what you can get rid of and where you feel you can make the most gains. Stay calm. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Listen carefully to what's being said. You don't want to miss the fine print, especially if something is being asked of you. Don't make a decision if you aren't ready to follow through. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Bring on the charm and let your mysterious ways attract attention. Someone who can offer you something in return will welcome your help and your skills. Good friendships will develop if you get involved in a creative process. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Don't give out too much information or you will live to regret it. Problems at home or in your personal life are likely to surface if you don't follow through with your promises. There is always a price to pay, so act accordingly. ✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Your obsession with something or someone you find fascinating must be kept in perspective. Don't go overboard. Expand on your own ideas if you want to draw attention and make things and people come to you. ✪✪✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): A greater concern with money will be stressful. Consolidate your debts if you feel you are in financial disarray. Changes in your position can be advantageous if you promote something that you have developed yourself. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Do what's in your heart rather than say what's on your mind. Take action and let others know where you stand. Be precise when offering something but don't divulge anything that isn't necessary. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You have drive and stamina and can be very persistent and persuasive. You are insightful and passionate and willing to fight for your beliefs.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

3	9	8	5		4	1	7	6
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/14

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

7	3	1	8	9	4	5	6	2
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Difficulty Level ★★ 10/13

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

CORKS Solution: 4 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Court

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Howard, Phillies rally in 9th to reach NLCS

DENVER (AP)—Chase Utley ducked near second base. The rest of the Philadelphia Phillies never flinched.

Ryan Howard hit a two-run double with two outs in the ninth inning and scored on Jayson Werth's single as Philadelphia rallied past the Colorado Rockies 5-4 in Game 4 on Monday night to reach the NL championship series.

Brad Lidge, bouncing back from a rugged regular season, earned his second consecutive save by again retiring clean-up batter Troy Tulowitzki with runners at first and second for the final out.

Tulowitzki, who flied out to end Game 3, struck out this time and the Phillies celebrated on the infield at chilly Coors Field before retreating to the clubhouse to spray champagne.

Next, the World Series champions play Thursday night against Los Angeles at Dodger Stadium in an NLCS rematch from last season. This marked the fourth straight year that none of baseball's first-round series went to a winner-take-all Game 5.

"These couple of games have been kind of character builders," Howard said. "This is just step two of where we're trying to get to."

After Dexter Fowler's hurdle of Utley sparked Colorado's three-run rally in the eighth, Howard and the Phillies responded with a three-run rally of their own against closer Huston Street.

Street was 35 of 37 on save chances this season, but took the loss in Game 3 when he allowed Howard's tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the ninth. He came in again to face the Phillies, and trouble followed.

Jimmy Rollins singled with one out and Utley drew a two-out walk on a full count. Howard tied it with two strikes when he doubled to the right-field wall. Werth followed with a soft single to right-center.

AP

From left, Philadelphia Phillies' Ryan Howard, Pedro Feliz, Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley celebrate the Phillies' 5-4 victory over the Colorado Rockies in Game 4 of the National League baseball division series Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, in Denver, which sent the Phillies to the NL Championship Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"We were a strike away from making a trip to Philadelphia," lamented Rockies manager Jim Tracy, who went 74-42 after taking over when Clint Hurdle was fired May 29.

The Phillies, the NL's best road team, swept both games at Coors Field, where the wild-card Rockies went 44-17 under Tracy's tutelage.

It appeared the Rockies would send the series back to Philadelphia when Yorvit Torrealba's two-run double broke a 2-all tie in the eighth. That came after Fowler scored the tying run on pinch-hitter Jason Giambi's two-out single.

Fowler hurdled Utley, who stepped into the basepath to field Todd Helton's slow grounder, and his quick flip to second base was wide right and mishandled for an error by Rollins.

That put two on for Tulowitzki, and Ryan Madson relieved starter Cliff Lee in a double-switch that also brought in left fielder Ben Francisco to replace Raul Ibanez.

It paid an immediate dividend when Francisco raced in and made a diving catch of Tulowitzki's bloop to left for the second out. But Francisco couldn't get to Giambi's single fast enough to keep Fowler from scoring the tying run from second base.

Then, Torrealba sent a two-run double to right-center for a 4-2 Rockies lead.

"No one got rattled and no one was worried," Werth said. "Going back to '07, we got swept by the Rockies and I think everybody learned a lesson. Everybody knew what we had to do."

The Phillies led the National League in homers for the second straight season with a franchise-record 224 but they had only gone deep twice in this series before Shane Victorino sent a 99 mph fastball from Ubaldo Jimenez into the Rockies' bullpen in the first. Werth sent an 85 mph changeup into the Phillies' bullpen next door in the sixth for a 2-0 lead.

Those were the only runs Jimenez allowed in seven strong innings that included seven strikeouts and six hits. He left with the Rockies trailing 2-1 after throwing 126 pitches, one shy of his career high.

Lee, who pitched a six-hitter to win the series opener, allowed three runs—one earned—and five hits in 7 1-3 innings. He repeatedly worked out of jams until the eighth.

The Rockies had hoped to rely on resilience that helped them overcome an 18-28 start under Hurdle to finish with a franchise-best record of 92-70. They sent right-hander Aaron Cook ahead to Philadelphia on Monday morning to rest up for a Game 5, but he'll fly home instead.

The Rockies made it 2-1 in the sixth on an RBI double by Tulowitzki, but he was doubled up on Garrett Atkins' low liner to third baseman Pedro Feliz.

At 45-29, the Rockies posted the best second-half record in the National League, but they missed out on a chance to win the NL West and secure home-field advantage when they lost at Los Angeles on the next-to-last day of the season. Jorge De La Rosa, whose 16 wins after June 1 were tops in baseball, strained his groin in that game and was shelved for the series against Philadelphia.

"I'm sure they're going to be back here in years to come because they're good and they're young," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

Chicago Cubs file Chapter 11 to speed team's sale

NEW YORK (AP)—The Chicago Cubs filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Monday, a step that will allow their owner to sell the baseball team in an $845 million deal. The filing in Wilmington, Del., was anticipated and is expected to lead to a brief stay in Chapter 11 for the Cubs. A hearing was scheduled for Tuesday in front of the judge who has been handling the bankruptcy of the Cubs' owner, Tribune Co.

The Cubs' filing is part of the Tribune Co.'s plans to sell the team, Wrigley Field and related properties to the family of billionaire Joe Ricketts, the founder of Omaha, Neb.-based TD Ameritrade.

Tribune, which also owns the Chicago Tribune and the Los Angeles Times, filed for bankruptcy protection in December, but the Cubs were not covered in the filing. The team's run through Chapter 11 could last mere days, enough to protect its new owners from potential claims by Tribune creditors, said Ira Herman, a bankruptcy attorney with Thompson & Knight.

Tribune bought the Cubs in 1981 for $20.5 million from candy maker Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co. Tribune announced plans to sell the franchise in 2007, but got tripped up by the recession and the collapse of the credit markets.

It has agreed to sell the Ricketts family a 95 percent stake in a deal that tops the record $660 million paid for the Boston Red Sox and its related properties in 2002. Tribune Co. is keeping the remaining 5 percent.

AP

In this July 6, 2009, file photo showing fans arriving for a baseball game between the Atlanta Braves and the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

Major League Baseball's other owners have approved the sale.

The Cubs' bankruptcy filing is not the first in baseball. The Baltimore Orioles were sold in a bankruptcy auction in 1993 after owner Eli Jacobs filed for Chapter 11. The same happened to the Seattle Pilots after the 1969 season. The new owners moved the team to Milwaukee and changed the name to the Brewers.

The National Hockey League's Phoenix Coyotes, a franchise that has yet to make a profit since moving from Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1996, filed for Chapter 11 protection in May.

Astros peg 10 candidates for manager interviews

HOUSTON (AP)—The Astros will interview 10 candidates over the next week to become the team's next manager, including former skipper Phil Garner.

Houston fired manager Cecil Cooper on Sept. 21. Third base coach Dave Clark was promoted to interim manager for the final two weeks and the team said Monday that Clark will be the first man interviewed for the full-time position.

The other candidates include: minor league coordinator Al Pedrique, who became third base coach when Clark was promoted; former Brewers manager Ned Yost, San Diego hitting coach Randy Ready, former Arizona manager Bob Melvin, former Washington manager Manny Acta and current Boston Red Sox coaches Brad Mills and Tim Bogar.

The Astros have also been granted permission to interview Philadelphia bench coach Pete Mackanin when the Phillies complete postseason play.

Clark and Pedrique will lead off the interviews on Wednesday. The remaining candidates will be interviewed between Thursday and Monday.

The Astros finished 74-88, their second losing record in three seasons. Cooper was the third manager fired since 2004. He replaced Garner in August 2007.

General manager Ed Wade said toward the end of this season that previous big league managing experience may not be a determining factor as the Astros evaluate candidates.

"If you're going to do this the right way, you've got to be open-minded," Wade said. "When you start talking about experience, is it experience solely as a major league manager? Are you walking past other guys who have great minor league credentials, or who look like they're on the precipice of being outstanding managers in some fashion?

"We have to sit down and take an open mind, spend our time researching," Wade said. "If we do our homework, we're going to end up making the right decision."

The Astros will then meet with the finalists for a second round of interviews with Wade, president of baseball operations Tal Smith, owner Drayton McLane and president of business operations Pam Gardner.

"We're excited about the entire group of candidates," Wade said. "All 10 candidates have a great deal of experience and are held in high regard throughout major league baseball."

Garner could be the most intriguing possibility, after going 277-252 with Houston between 2004-07. Garner replaced the fired Jimy Williams at midseason in 2004, and the Astros went 48-26 the rest of the way to earn the NL wild card.

Wildcat helps Dolphins beat Jets, 31-27

AP

Miami Dolphins running back Ronnie Brown (23) looks up after diving into the end zone for a touchdown during the first quarter of an NFL football game against the New York Jets, Monday, Oct. 12, 2009 in Miami.

MIAMI (AP)—With 10 seconds left and the game on the line, the Miami Dolphins went with the wildcat. It worked again. Running back Ronnie Brown took the snap and scored on a 2-yard keeper up the middle on third down, and Miami came from behind three times in the fourth quarter to beat the New York Jets 31-27 on Monday night.

Newcomer Braylon Edwards gave the Jets a big boost, and two fake punts fooled the Dolphins. But they gained 110 yards with the wildcat, which was instrumental in three touchdown drives, including the last one.

Starting from their own 30-yard line with 5:05 left and trailing 27-24, Miami drove 70 yards in 13 plays for the winning score. The march included four wildcat plays for 25 yards, and Brown fell into the end zone on the last with 6 seconds to go.

The Dolphins (2-3) climbed back into the AFC East race after losing their first three games. The Jets (3-2) fell into a tie with New England for first place and have lost two straight.

The lead changed hands five times in the fourth quarter as the game became a shootout reminiscent of the Dolphins' Dan Marino days. Filling that role just fine was Chad Henne.

In only his second NFL start, Henne completed 20 of 26 for 241 yards and two touchdowns. He threw deep to Ted Ginn Jr. for a 53-yard score to give Miami a 24-20 lead with 10:10 left.

The Jets kept answering with Edwards, acquired in a trade with Cleveland a week ago. He caught one scoring pass and set up New York's other two touchdowns. The Jets also fooled Miami with fake punts twice to set up a TD and a field goal.

The Dolphins' trickery came via the wildcat, which they ran 16 times. On the game's opening drive, Miami threw out of the wildcat for the first time this season, and Brown connected with tight end Anthony Fasano for a 21-yard gain. Ricky Williams then ran for 18 yards from the wildcat, and Brown scored on a 1-yard plunge on third down to cap a 7 1/2-minute drive.

The Dolphins used the wildcat five times in a touchdown drive that consumed nearly 9 minutes of the second half. They relied on ball control for much of the game but also showed a newfound ability to strike quickly.

Ginn beat Darrelle Revis and two other Jets deep, catching Henne's long pass just before crossing the goal line. It was a rare long gain by the Dolphins, who came into the game with only two completions of 20 yards or more to wide receivers.

"Teddy ran a great route and they gave us the coverage we wanted," Henne said.

Williams set up a field goal when he gained 59 yards on a reception, with all the yards coming after the catch. He finished with 68 yards rushing on 11 carries, and Brown ran for 74 yards in 21 attempts.

The Dolphins totaled 413 yards, converting nine of 14 third-down chances and controlling the ball for 33 1/2 minutes.

"They played us hard but I think our guys had the determination inside," Henne said.

Jets rookie Mark Sanchez was 12 of 24 for 172 yards and benefited immediately from the addition of Edwards, who caught a 3-yard scoring pass to cap his first series with the Jets.

Edwards made a leaping 34-yard catch on third-and-21 to put the ball at the 1, setting up Thomas Jones' score on the next play for a 20-17 lead.

Edwards' biggest play didn't involve a reception. When Sanchez tried to hit him deep in the fourth quarter, Will Allen was called for pass interference, although video replays showed virtually no contact.

The 49-yard penalty gave the Jets the ball at the 3, and Jones scored on the next play for a 27-24 lead with 5:12 left. The Dolphins answered with their winning drive.

Sharpton, Jackson attack Limbaugh's Rams bid

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The Revs. Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson attacked the bid by Rush Limbaugh to buy the St. Louis Rams on Monday, saying the conservative radio host's track record on race should exclude him from owning an NFL team. Sharpton sent a letter to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, arguing that Limbaugh has been divisive and "anti-NFL" in some of his comments.

Jackson said in a telephone interview that Limbaugh had made his wealth "appealing to the fears of whites" with an unending line of insults against blacks and other minorities.

"The National Football League has set high standards for racial justice and inclusion," Jackson said. "He should not have the privilege of owning an NFL franchise—and it is a privilege." The civil rights leader said he's had contact with numerous players and ex-players concerned about the bid.

Limbaugh shot back at Sharpton on his radio show.

"Now, this saddens me as well this disappoints me," he said. "I know Rev. Sharpton. Sharpton is better than this. He knows better than this. You know, I didn't judge Al Sharpton's fitness to be in radio when he wanted to earn an honest living for once, given his well-documented past as the author of the Tawana Brawley hoax. I believe in freedom and I also don't discriminate."

Limbaugh said last week that he is teaming up with St. Louis Blues hockey team owner Dave Checketts in a bid to buy the Rams. He has declined to discuss details of the offer, citing a confidentiality agreement.

In 2003, Limbaugh worked briefly on ESPN's NFL pregame show. He resigned after saying Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb was overrated because the media wanted to see a black quarterback succeed.

Transcripts posted on the radio host's Web site also say that on a January 2007 show, Limbaugh commented: "The NFL all too often looks like a game between the Bloods and the Crips without any weapons. There, I said it."

Asked about Limbaugh's bid to purchase the winless Rams, McNabb said: "If he's rewarded to buy them, congratulations to him. But I won't be in St. Louis any time soon."

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league is aware of the concerns voiced by Sharpton and Jackson.

"It is very early in the process and no transfer of ownership of the Rams has been presented to the league for review," Aiello said.

The latest complaints came a day after executive director of the NFL Players Association, DeMaurice Smith, urged players to speak out against Limbaugh's bid.

"I have asked our players to embrace their roles not only in the game of football but also as players and partners in the business of the NFL," Smith said in a statement Sunday. "They risk everything to play this game, they understand that risk and they live with that risk and its consequences for the rest of their life.

"We also know that there is an ugly part of history and we will not risk going backwards, giving up giving in or lying down to it."

Players on the 0-5 Rams, who were routed by the Minnesota Vikings 38-10 on Sunday, tried to distance themselves from the controversy.

"I'm paying attention, but I'm not even touching that one," running back Steven Jackson said. "Because if I start touching it I might go somewhere I don't want to go."

Defensive end Chris Long said he just heard Monday that Limbaugh was part of a group seeking to purchase the team. His reaction: "Oh, is that the guy on the radio?"

Reminded of Limbaugh's statements about McNabb, Long seemed to disapprove while adding he didn't care who owned the team.

"I mean, those weren't great comments at all," Long said. "But it's not my job to really comment on that."

Defensive end Leonard Little, the last remaining player from the Rams' Super Bowl championship after the 1999 season, didn't want to talk about it.

"We've got a lot more things to worry about than who's going to be our owner," he said.

Heat sign free agent guard Arroyo

MIAMI (AP)—Carlos Arroyo is back in the NBA, and gets to stay home in Miami for that opportunity.

The Miami Heat signed Arroyo to a one-year contract Monday, which would be worth about $1.1 million if the 30-year-old point guard remains with the club all season.

Arroyo last played in the NBA for the Orlando Magic during the 2007-08 season, spending last season in Israel. The former FIU player still makes his home in Miami, and when the Heat called with the invitation, Arroyo was able to be at practice the very next morning.

"I always wanted to be part of the Heat," said Arroyo, whose wife is a South Florida native.

The Heat needed depth at point guard, and team officials met Saturday to discuss a number of potential candidates. They settled on Arroyo, who Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said is being brought in to play backup to starter Mario Chalmers. But, Spoelstra added, Arroyo "will contend for minutes."

"This is about bolstering our depth," Spoelstra said.

Chris Quinn, who backed up Chalmers last season, is expected to be sidelined for about another week with a right foot injury. Miami also has John Lucas in training camp; he, like Arroyo, is on a nonguaranteed contract.

And in just about every game, the Heat turn to reigning NBA scoring champion Dwyane Wade to play some point guard as well.

Arroyo has played for five other NBA teams in seven seasons, averaging a career-best 12.6 points in 71 games with Utah during the 2003-04 campaign. He's averaged 7.0 points and 3.3 assists per game in his NBA tenure.

He played for Puerto Rico in the 2004 Olympic Games, scoring a team-high 24 points for his country when it stunned the United States 92-73 in an opening-round game.

NMA to start cross country series Saturday

The Northern Marianas Athletics will begin the All Schools Cross Country series this Saturday at the Airport Field.

The first-part of a series of cross-country races is open to male and female students in the U8, U10, U12, U14, and U18 age groups. Races will begin at 4pm.

NMA will culminate the series with the staging of the 2009 All Schools Cross Country Championship that will be held next month.

No entrance fees are required for the series and the championship, but NMA will be giving trophies and medals to the top individual finishers/schools in various age groups.

In last year's championships, three repeat winners were among the top finishers in the 2008 NMA All Schools Cross Country Championship.

Marianas High School's Jacque Wonenberg notched her third straight victory in the girls' 18-and-under division, finishing the 5000m race in 14 minutes, 26 seconds. Wonenberg's Lady Dolphins also took the first place trophy in the girls' 18-and-under team competition.

MHS then had a 1-2 finish in the boys' 18-and-under with Matt Mancao ruling the race in 12:10, beating teammate Champ Untalan (12:20).

Other repeat winners were Saipan International School's Angelo Jones and Whispering Palms' Gabriel Race.

Jones finished the 1500m race in 6:32, outracing teammate Lucas Nutting (6:51), and Whispering Palms' Clay McCullough-Sterans (6:56) in the boys' 12-and-under race.

Race prevailed in the girls' 10-and-under for the fourth straight time, timing in at 6:59 in last year's race and shattering her record of 8:15 last year. Race was ahead of teammate Neghar Rastguiy (7:36) and SIS' Emily Jones (9:31).

For more information about this Saturday's event, contact Elias Rangamar at 664-2502. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

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Two students near the finish line during last year's NMA All Schools Cross Country Championship at the Airport Field.

Pacquiao lends hand to Philippines storm relief

BOXING

NEW YORK (AP)—Boxing superstar Manny Pacquiao took a break from training camp in the Philippines last weekend to distribute food and supplies to hundreds of people who have been affected by the country's worst flooding in 40 years.

Promoter Bob Arum said Friday that the back-to-back storms, which have triggered dozens of landslides and killed nearly 500 people, for the most part didn't affect the pound-for-pound king as he trains in Baguio for his highly anticipated fight next month against Miguel Cotto.

"I talked to them last night, and the typhoon is still hanging around, so he couldn't run outside," Arum told The Associated Press. "But he's getting good sparring in."

That is, when Pacquiao's not making a quick trip down from the mountains to the capital of Manila, where last Sunday he spent several hours helping with flood relief.

The storms began Sept. 26, and after Typhoon Parma struck last Saturday, rescuers waded through mud near Baguio and retrieved more than 150 bodies. Dozens of others were still missing, and more than 100 people were pulled out alive. TV footage showed bodies arriving in black bags in a hall in Baguio, where relatives wept after recognizing their loved ones.

Established by Americans more than 100 years ago, Baguio is in the heart of the Cordillera region, about 201 kilometers (125 miles) from Manila. Officials said close to 100 landslides have occurred near the city, and the nonstop rain is threatening more homes and businesses.

Arum was visiting the training camp during the storms last week.

"I was concerned, the whole staff was concerned," said Top Rank publicist Lee Samuels. "I got a message from Bob saying, 'I'm with Manny, we're OK, we're at a palatial estate in the mountains.' But it was very scary."

Pacquiao is idolized in the Philippines, his following so fanatical that hundreds of people tail him during his morning runs. His popularity bridges the divide between rich and poor, and government officials jokingly claim that crime drops whenever he fights because everybody is in front of a television.

Many expect the 64-kilogram (140-pound) titleholder to run for president, and he's even borrowed a line from the Spiderman movies that "with great power comes great responsibility."

WABOL

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made it off the course.

"It was like playing in Norfolk Island back in 2001 during the Mini Games," Wabol said.

Wabol added the field was very competitive and most of the players are young ones and have been playing in New Zealand and Australia.

"It was a strong field and I think I was the oldest participant," said the 51-year-old Wabol.

What made the tournament tougher, according to Wabol, was they had to catch up for one day, playing both the second and third round or equivalent to 36 holes after the second round was rained-out.

Wabol said his experienced in several off-island tournaments helped him survive the tough course and adjust to its challenging conditions.

The CNMI's lone representative to this year's Mini Games have been to New Caledonia, Tahiti, and Fiji courses during the past editions of the Mini and Pacific Games. He is also a regular participant of tournaments in the Philippines.

"Golf is a game of adjustments and I am fortunate that I have been to even more challenging course, so I know how to deal with it," Wabol said.

MATANSA

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Matansa's active involvement in football aim to encourage more parents to support their kids to participate in soccer youth sports development. It also hopes to further increase the participation of the youth in soccer at the grassroots level.

"We also want kids to have fun and at the same time help them learn the value of sportsmanship, camaraderie, and fair play. Most of all, we want to emphasize healthy lifestyle by playing the sport of football," Cruz said.

Besides the family day and its participation in the NMIFA youth league, Cruz said Matansa is also planning to hold a soccer camp after the fall season.

"This camp will focus on skills enhancement. We want to improve the skills level of our players to build a better team in all age groups," Cruz said.

The Matansa secretary general added bringing Matansa players to Guam to play several games is also being considered.

"There is a plan to find a sister club in Guam. In the future, we are looking at possibly hosting friendly games or bringing a certain age group team to Guam for friendly games," Cruz said.

Meanwhile, Cruz on behalf of the club, thanked GTC officials for allowing them to use the school ground for the weekend activity, and those who attended the family day.

"The club wishes to express its gratitude to the parents, players, coaches and organizers for supporting Matansa FC for the last few seasons. We would like the whole Matansa family to gather together to have a fun day as we start the fall season. We do this to lift the team's spirit, boost the players' morale and aim for a great season," Cruz said.

"We also thanked former Matansa secretary general Christina Smith who helped set up the club," he added.

Matansa is one of the five active football clubs on Saipan. The four others are MP United, Paire, Tan Holdings, and Independents.

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Seogwipo, Jeju-do is a Grade B1 event, which awards the most ranking points among the regional championships in the Junior ITF Circuit calendar.

"This will be Ji Hoon's biggest tournament and I hope he will earn more ranking points after missing some in Fiji and in Yang-Gu," said former Pacific Oceania Davis Cup coach Jeff Race, who will be coaching Heo, Samoa's Kim Carruthers, and Papua New Guinea's Abigal Tere-Apisah in next month's tournament.

The winner in the singles division of the B1 event that will run from Nov. 3 to 8 will get 180 points, 120 for finalists, 80 for semifinalists, 60 for quarterfinalists, 30 for losers in the Round of 16, and 20 for the losers in the Round of 32.

Heo is in the main draw of the 64-man singles event and one victory will guarantee him 20 ranking points.

As of last month, Heo has earned a combined 22.5 ranking points, getting 20 points in singles and 10 in doubles. He made it to the quarterfinals of the 2009 Air Pacific South Pacific Open Junior Championships in Fiji in July to notch 15 points and added five more points when he entered the Round of 16 of the Open Junior BNP Paribas de Nouvelle Caledonie in Noumea, New Caledonia in the same month.

Heo's doubles ranking points were courtesy of his quarterfinals entry to the Sunsmart 18 and Under Canterbury ITF Championships in New Zealand in January this year.

As of October in the Junior ITF rankings, Heo is ranked No. 1,071. He has four wins and 10 losses in singles this year and holds a 5-11 record in doubles. His highest ranking was at No. 959 in July this year, but he failed to sustain his momentum when he had so-so performances in his last two tournaments.

In the 2009 Oceania Closed Junior Championships in Fiji in August, Heo was paired against world No. 412 Andrew McLeod of Australia in the opening round and lost. He later withdrew from his remaining match in the loser's bracket due to a strained back.

Despite his minor injury, Heo went on to play in the YanGu International Junior Championships Week 1 and Week 2 at KangWon-Do, South Korea early last month and dropped all his opening games.

"I hope by this time, he is okay and ready for the biggest tournament of his career so far. He will be meeting players who are probably in the Top 300 list," said Race.

Heo has yet to respond on *Saipan Tribune's* inquiries regarding the tournament, but in an earlier interview, he said he is scheduled to leave Saipan this month to train at the Gimcheon JSM Academy before playing in the B1 event.

NEW

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or before Nov. 9 will be allowed to play in the men's division. In the women's division, only the first five squads to sign-up and settle the registration fee will be included on the list.

Dela Cruz added the men's division will have a round robin format for the regular season with the Top 10 teams advancing to double-elimination playoffs. The women's division will be a three-round robin affair with the Top 4 squads making it to the playoff round, which will also implement a double-elimination format.

Dela Cruz clarified the league is not only for Chamorro or Carolinian players.

"This is open to all interested players/teams. This will be the biggest gathering of all softball players on the island," said Dela Cruz, who on behalf of the association thanked Marpac/Budweiser for being the league's corporate sponsor.

Games in the new league will be played every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

The women's games will be played only every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Matches in the men's division every Monday and Friday will be at 6:30pm (first game) and 8:30pm (second game). There will be three games in the men's division every Wednesday. All teams are guaranteed to play once a week.

A coaches/representatives meeting is scheduled for Oct. 26 at 6pm at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Dela Cruz said ground rules and other details about the league will be discussed at the meeting.

The Chamolinian league was formed a couple of months after the Chamolinian Softball Association was established mid this year to create a regular venue for softball players on the island.

The association's officers include Mark Palacios, president; B.J. Attao, vice president; Liz Lebria, treasurer; and Liz Palacios, secretary.

To register or for more information, contact Dela Cruz at 483-4185, Attao at 285-2826, or Liz Palacios at 287-8869.

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	3	2	0	.600	101	88
New England	3	2	0	.600	104	91
Miami	2	3	0	.400	112	106
Buffalo	1	4	0	.200	77	116

South

Indianapolis	5	0	0	1.000	137	71
Jacksonville	2	3	0	.400	97	127
Houston	2	3	0	.400	115	120
Tennessee	0	5	0	.000	84	139

North

Cincinnati	4	1	0	.800	101	90
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	138	97
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	113	98
Cleveland	1	4	0	.200	55	121

West

Denver	5	0	0	1.000	99	43
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	101	102
Oakland	1	4	0	.200	49	130
Kansas City	0	5	0	.000	84	138

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

N.Y. Giants	5	0	0	1.000	151	71
Philadelphia	3	1	0	.750	127	86
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	122	98
Washington	2	3	0	.400	73	82

South

New Orleans	4	0	0	1.000	144	66
Atlanta	3	1	0	.750	102	63
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	57	104
Tampa Bay	0	5	0	.000	68	140

North

Minnesota	5	0	0	1.000	156	90
Chicago	3	1	0	.750	105	78
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	104	93
Detroit	1	4	0	.200	103	162

West

San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	112	98
Arizona	2	2	0	.500	85	89
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	115	82
St. Louis	0	5	0	.000	34	146

Yesterday's Game

Miami 31, N.Y. Jets 27

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Mieko Swim Lesson Fundraiser

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Participants in the clinic perform stretching drills as they warm-up for the session at the pool.

2009 World XTERRA Championship participant Mieko Carey demonstrates the proper swimming stroke during a short clinic held on Saturday at the Palms Resort pool.

Joshua Berger, left, assists Kevin Carey in doing the back stretching drill.

From left, Kimiko Hasegawa, Joshua Berger, and Mamiko Berger follow Mieko Carey's instructions during the swim lessons at Palms Resort pool.

Mieko Carey corrects Kento Akimaru's feet position.

Mieko Carey gestures during the application part of the swim lesson.

Mieko Carey checks on Joshua Berger's head position.

Matt Mancao shows the "shark position" technique.

Kento Akimaru plays with the water before the start of the swim lesson.

Participants watch their fellow swimmers perform drills.

Howard, Phillies rally in 9th to reach NLCS

Chase Utley ducked near second base. The rest of the Philadelphia Phillies never flinched. **24**

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NMA to start cross country series Saturday

The Northern Marianas Athletics will begin the All Schools Cross Country series this Saturday at the Airport Field. **26**

Wabol survives challenges in Mini Games

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Veteran golfer Jess Wabol competed, struggled, and survived the 2009 Pacific Mini Games in Rarotonga, Cook Islands late last month.

"It was one of the most challenging courses I've ever been to," said Wabol when asked of his experience in the golf tournament played at the Rarotonga Golf Club from Sept. 22 to 25.

"It was challenging because I had to play only in nine holes. When you are in that type of course, you can't just hit or attack the pin, as you used to in an 18-hole course because you might hit those who are still playing in other holes," said Wabol, who made it to the top half of the field with his four-round total of 25-over par 305.

Wabol got off to a slow start in the par-70 course, shooting a 7-over par 77 in the first round. He redeemed himself a bit in the second round with a 5-over par 75 in the second round, before struggling anew in the third round with his 9-over par 79.

A 4-over par 74 performance in the last round, his best in the tournament, saved Wabol 21st place among the 40 participants in four-day event.

"I was satisfied with the way I played despite the condition of the course. It was a very challenging course, as the risk of hitting a lot of out-of-bounce shots is high. You have to be very carefully when swinging your club, as there were a lot of people on the course," said Wabol, who had only one ball that

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Jess Wabol, seen here in action in a local tournament, survived the tough conditions of the Rarotonga Golf Club during the 2009 Pacific Mini Games in Rorotonga, Cook Islands.

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More Junior ITF points await Heo

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After a dismal performance in Korea early last month, CNMI junior netter Ji Hoon Heo will be back in the peninsula for the 2009 Asian/Oceania Closed Championships, his biggest tournament so far after making it to the Junior ITF list.

The tournament in Seogwipo Tennis Courts at Dongheung-dong,

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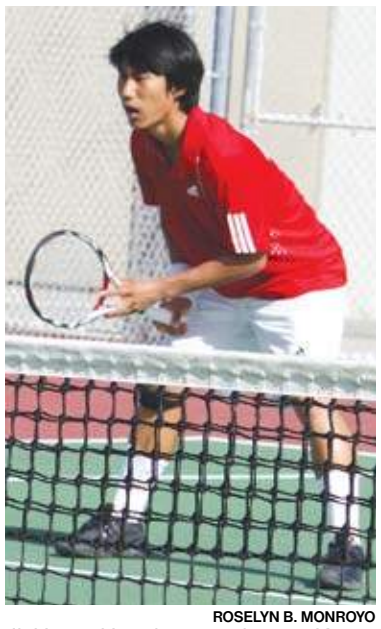

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Ji Hoon Heo is returning to Korea to vie for Junior ITF ranking points in the 2009 Asian/Oceania Closed Championships.

Matansa holds Family Fun Day

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Matansa Football Club celebrated the start of the fall season with a "Family Fun Day" held on Sunday at the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School field.

More than 60 players joined the festivities, which featured a late lunch bash for players, parents, and club supporters, scrimmages among the U6, U8, and U10 players, and an exhibition match between the club's U13 boys and girls squads.

"This was the second time that we had this event to start the season," Matansa Football Club secretary general Joven Cruz said. "We hope to do this before and after the season."

Matansa is currently competing in the 2009 NMIFA Youth Football Fall League and has teams in the U6, U8, U10, and U13 divisions of the league.

Cruz said the family fun day and

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Matansa Football Club players and their parents enjoy the food served during the Matansa Family Fun Day on Sunday at the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School ground.

New group forms new league

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A new league is opening next month with the Chamolinian Softball Association kicking off hostilities in the 2009 Budweiser Slow-pitch Softball League on Nov. 16 at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

The league will have competitions both in the men's and women's divisions. League coordinator Joey Dela Cruz said only the first 15 teams to register and pay the entrance fee ($400) on

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Slow-pitch softball action returns to Capital Hill Ballfield next month when the Chamolinian Softball Association kicks off the 2009 Chamolinian Slow-pitch Softball League.